2024 BELGIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU

THE EDUCATION AGENDA

BFUG

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Organisation of the EDUC Presidency

The Presidency of EDUC involves the three Communities of Belgium:

- Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles (French Community):
  Chair of the EYCS-Education Council and the Education Committee

- Vlaanderen (Flemish Community)

- Ostbelgien (German-speaking community)

Education priorities of the Presidency

Evidence-informed Education

Mobility

Lifelong Learning (LLL)

Digital Education

Main events

Date	Activities	Location
9-10 January 2024	High-Level Group	Brussels
5-6 February 2024 6-7 February 2024	DG Schools Conference on evidence-informed education	Brussels
19-20 February 2024	Bologna Follow-up Group (1)	Brussels
21-22 February 2024	*OECD Skills Summit*	*Brussels*
29 February – 1 March 2024	Informal Council on Mobility	Brussels
18-19 March 2024	DG VET	Mechelen
11-12 April 2024	Bologna Follow-up Group (2) + EQAG GA	Brussels
17-18 April 2024	Flagship conference: Lifelong Learning	Brussels
13-14 May 2024	Formal EYCS Council	Brussels
16-17 May 2024	DG Higher Education	Antwerp
28-29 May 2024	Conference: Digital education dialogues	Ghent
3-4 June 2024 5 June 2024	Attaché trip EDUC Attaché-away Day	Mons Kortrijk
13 June 2024	50th Anniversary of the EDUC Committee	Brussels

Expected agenda of the European Commission

- Commission proposal for a Council Recommendation on the **updated framework for learning mobility** (Q4 - 2023)

- Follow up on "Pilot a joint **European degree label**" (Q2- 2024)

- Commission proposal for a Council Recommendation on a **European quality assurance and recognition system** (Q2 - 2024)

- Commission proposal for a Council Recommendation on **attractive and sustainable careers in higher education** (Q2 - 2024)

Education priorities of the Presidency: Evidence-informed

▶ **Conference on Evidence-informed Education**

→ Focus on:
- Evidence-informed Education Policy Making
- Evidence-informed Practice

→ Structure
- 2 half-day conference following the **DG Schools meeting**
- Date: **6 - 7 February 2024**
- Location: Brussels

▶ Future **Council Conclusions on Evidence-informed Education**

Education priorities of the Presidency: Mobility (higher education)

▶ **Informal Council**

→ Focus on:
- **Diploma mobility of higher education students**
- **Balanced-mobility**

→ Structure
- 2 half-day Informal Council
- Date: **29 February - 1 March 2024**
- Location: Brussels

Education priorities of the Presidency: LLL

▶ **Conference on Lifelong Learning**

→ Focus on building a **culture of lifelong learning**
  - Including themes such as: **validation of prior learning, accrediation and flexible pathways** (i.a. micro-credentials)

→ Structure
  - 1,5-day conference
  - Date: **17 - 18 April 2024**
  - Location: Brussels

→ Link with **OECD Skills Summit and European Year of Skills**

Education priorities of the Presidency: Digital

▶ **EU Digital Education Dialogues**

→ Content
- Implementation of the **digital recommendations** (ES Presidency)
  - *Digital skills – improving their provision*
  - *Digital education – enabling factors for success*
- Discussion on the progress report of the **Digital Education Action Plan** (DEAP) and the priorities for 2024-2027
- Innovative technologies: VR and XR in education

→ Structure
- 1,5-day restricted conference
- Date: **28 - 29 May 2024**
- Location: Ghent

Bologna Follow-up Group (BFUG)

▶ Dates of the 2 meetings in **Brussels**:
   → **BFUG1: 18-20/02/2024**, Palais Egmont
      → Suggested hotels (costs supported by delegates):
         ▶ NH Stéphanie : https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/event/bfug1-2024
         ▶ NH Sablon : https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/event/bfug1Hôtel
         ▶ Chambord : https://forms.office.com/e/FNuKmHVKyW

      → 18/02 PM: optional & free visit
        Museum of Natural Sciences
        + temporary exhibition "Giants"
        (https://www.naturalsciences.be/)

   → **BFUG 2 + EQAR General Assembly: 10-12/04/2024,**
     Hotel Hilton Double Tree (Rogier)

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