



European initiatives to foster access to higher education

World Access to Higher Education Day

Birmingham, 28 November 2018

Education at heart of EU's agenda

'Education and culture are the key to the future – both for the individual as well as for our Union as a whole....When Europe's leaders meet in Gothenburg this week, we must seize the opportunity and make sure education and culture are the drivers for job creation, economic growth, social fairness and ultimately unity.'

President Juncker, 14 November 2017

Educational and societal challenges

Educational poverty is passed on from one generation to the next

Basic skills :
(target 15%;
reading: 19.7 %
maths: 22.2 %
science: 20.6 %)

Low participation in lifelong learning
(target 15%;
10.9%)

Changing learning environment

Democratic participation: 28% of 18-24 year olds voted in 2014 EP elections

In higher education:

Parental
education:
4.5 times
more likely
to access
higher
education

Learning
mobility:
11.5% of
Erasmus+
participants
from under-
represented
groups

Tertiary educational attainment (age 30-34)

Education and Training
Monitor 2018

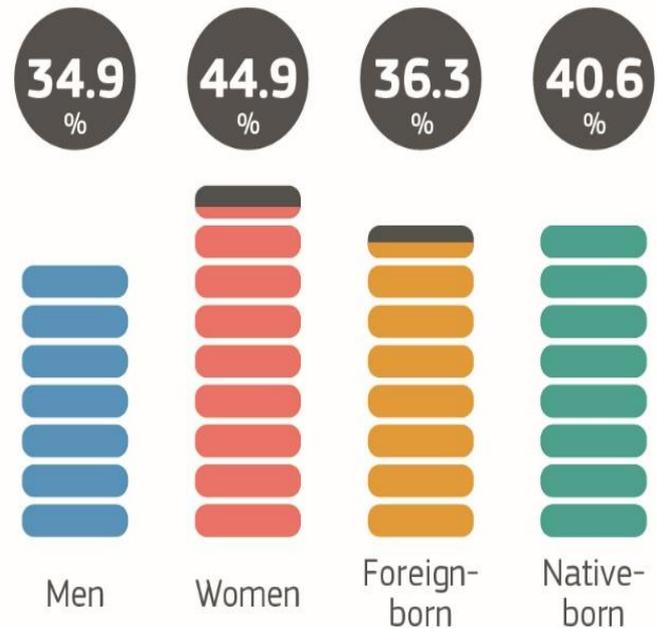


TARGET: 40%

2017: 39.9%

2016: 39.1%

2015: 38.7%



Source: Eurostat (EU-LFS, 2017)
Extracted on 08/2018
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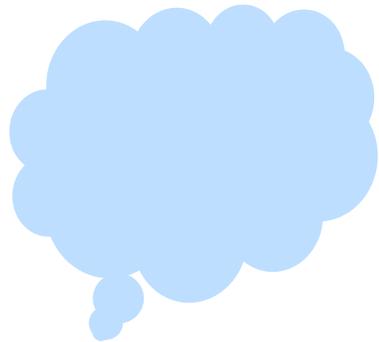


by

2025

**a European
Education Area**

**learning
& research are
unhampered by
borders**



**mobility
is
standard
practice**



**strong sense
of European
identity**



Renewed EU agenda for higher education



1. Excellence in skills development



2. Inclusive, connected systems



3. Higher education & innovation



4. Effective and efficient systems

Inclusive, connected systems

Equity & study success

- Institutional strategies
- Recognition of qualifications for refugees

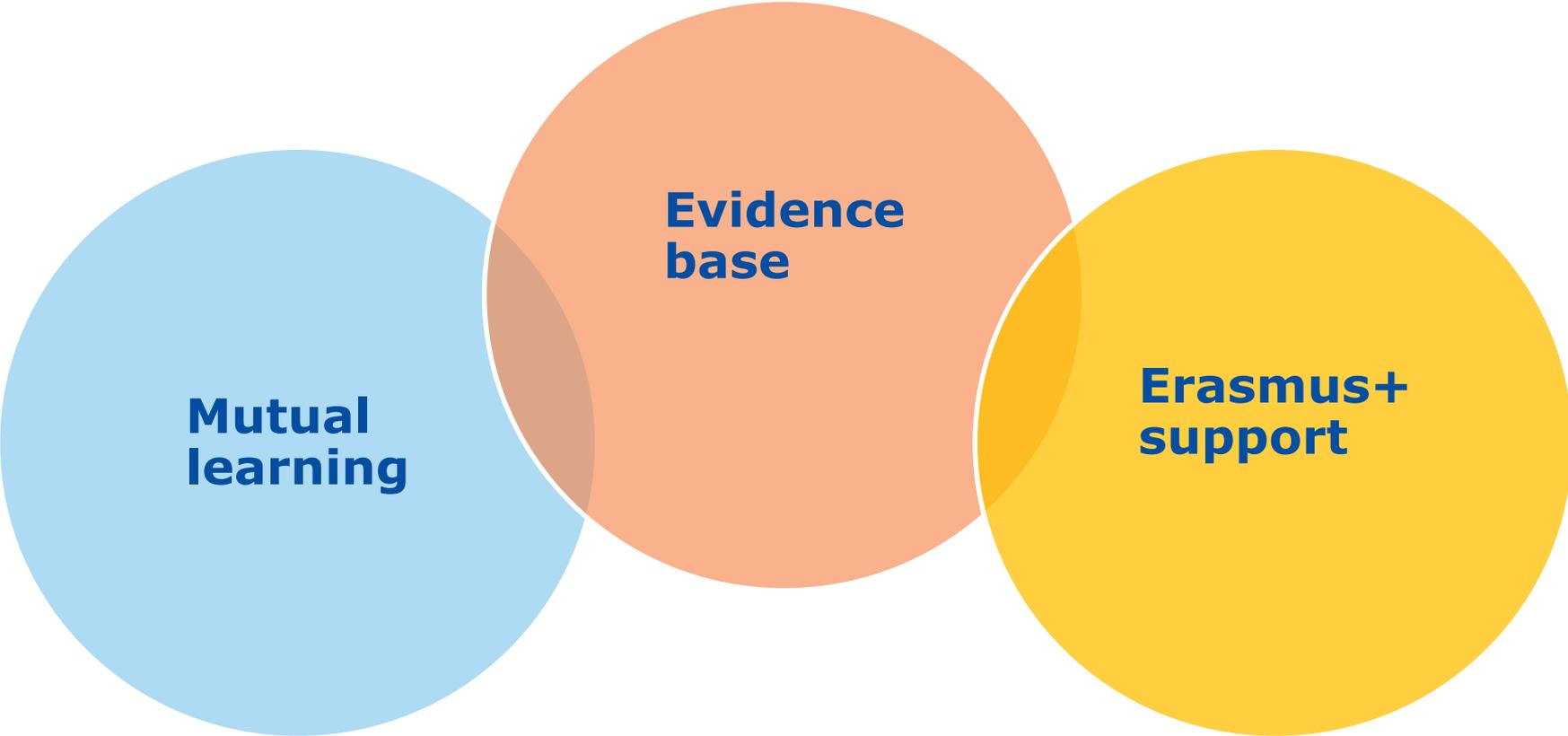
Flexible & adult learning

- Testing modular course design

Links to civil society & civic competences

- ECTS points for volunteering

What we do



Mutual learning

Working Group of
Member States and
stakeholders in
higher education

Peer learning
activities

Peer counselling

Building the evidence base

Support for
Eurostudent

Study on the
Impact of
Admission Systems

Peer counselling

Erasmus+

Extra financial
support

Specific funding
calls in social
inclusion

Make future
programme
more inclusive

Thank you

Questions?

In particular, are we missing anything?