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# MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE « INVESTING IN EDUCATION »

TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2022, LAB 110 BIS, PARIS

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The EU Member States have emphasised the essential role of Education by maintaining a high level of investment in this field. At European level, an average of 12% of the national recovery and resilience plans have been devoted to education.

Reaffirming that education is a key investment for the future, this conference brings together decision-makers, researchers and experts to share best practices and examine from a European perspective the effectiveness of education policies and the best means of assessing their efficiency.

The aim of the conference is also to shape an emerging European approach to quality investment in education, with a view to contributing to the European Education Area by 2025.

The conference [will be held online](#) from Paris Lab 110 bis.

## TIME

## SESSION

Introductory panel: **Education: an Investment for the Future**

- **Jean-Michel Blanquer**, Minister for Education, Youth and Sport, France
- **Margaritis Schinas**, European Commission, Vice-President for Promoting our European way of life
- **Two keynote speakers:**
  - **Joseph E. Stiglitz**, 2001 Nobel Laureate, former World Bank Chief Economist
  - **Stefania Giannini**, Unesco Assistant Director-General for Education

## Panel of Experts: How should we assess quality investments in Education ? Complementary approaches

- **Efficiency:** Andreas Schleicher (OECD, Director for the Directorate of Education and Skills) - Measuring the performance of educational systems via the evaluation of student performance levels.
- **Efficiency and equity:** Kristof De Witte (Full Professor at the Faculty of Economics and Business at KU Leuven) - How can the various approaches to educational efficiency serve public policy in education investment, and help bolster equity?

## Panel: Education policies in Europe : a democratic challenge to maintain efficiency and equity. Review of 3 case studies.

10:20-11:05

- **Guy Waïss** (Inspector general for education, sport and research, in charge of the group “Schools, territories and educational policies”, France) - The policy for reduction of class sizes in schools with high percentage of students from lower socio-economic background.
- **Ana Balcão Reis** (Economist and associate professor at the Nova School of Business and Economics, Portugal) - The experience of the *InfoEscolas* portal (school ranking, validity and transparency of information).
- **Helena Holmlund** (Researcher at the Institute for the Evaluation of the Labour Market and Education Policy, Sweden) - The decentralisation reforms in Sweden and the issue of school choice.

## Presentation of the preliminary recommendations of the European Commission’s group of experts on quality investment in education

11:05-11:20

**Gabrielle Fack**, Professor at Paris-Dauphine University (PSL), France, Chairperson of the European Commission expert group on quality investment in education and training

## Debate: What should the European strategy for promoting quality investment in education be?

11:20-11:55

- **Emil Boc**, European Committee of the Region, Mayor of Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- **Teresa Czerwińska**, European Investment Bank, Vice-President in charge of the Education sector
- **Li Andersson**, Minister for Education, Finland
- **Simona Kustec**, Minister for Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia
- **Jean-Michel Blanquer**, Minister for Education, Youth and Sport, France

## Conclusion

11:55-12:15

- **Mariya Gabriel**, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth
- **Jean-Michel Blanquer**, Minister for Education, Youth and Sport, France

12:15-13:00

Press conference