



# ***European policies regarding citizenship education***

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# Context



**1. What societal challenges does education need to address?**



**2. What can the EU do to help?**

# Developing Recommendation proposal



**Which values to focus on?**



**Belonging to school, locality,  
country, Europe**



A cartoon illustration of a female teacher with brown hair, wide eyes, and an open mouth in a shocked expression. She is wearing a blue shirt and a grey skirt, standing in front of a green chalkboard. A large blue arrow points from the right towards her.

## 4. Supporting teachers and schools to deliver these objectives

# 1. Promotion of common values



## Learning content

- **Citizenship education**
- **Critical thinking, media literacy**

## Learning environment

- **Open classroom climate**
- **Whole school approach; support for community involvement**

## Learning resources

- **Council of Europe Democratic Culture Framework**
- **Output from ET2020 working group etc.**

## 2. Inclusive education



### Access

- Including all pupils in quality education
- Acknowledging importance of early childhood education & care

### Support

- Enabling inclusion by providing support to learners according to their needs

### Transitions

- Helping students navigate educational levels—educational and career guidance

### 3. European dimension of teaching



**Knowing our  
neighbours and  
ourselves**

- **Understanding of diverse MS and their people**
- **Understanding our common heritage**

**Knowing the EU**

- **Why do we have the EU and what does it do?**

**Personal experience  
of being European**

- **Mobility, e-twinning**
- **Local projects, e.g. back to school**

## 4. Supporting teachers and teaching



### Teacher training

- **Initial and ongoing teacher training on**
  - **Conveying common values**
  - **Responding to learners' diverse needs**

### Mentoring and support

- **Teacher exchanges; peer learning; guidance and mentoring.**



# How will the EU help implementation?



## Funding

- Erasmus+: e-Twinning, school mobility, policy experimentation
- Structural and investment funds
- Etc....

## Supporting policy reforms

- ET2020 cooperation
- Structural reform support

## Research and guidance

- E.g. EENEE, NESET, Eurydice studies
- Education & Training Monitor

# Questions?