

Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union Meeting of the Directors-General for Schools

Opening schools to Europe

Timisoara, 31 March – 2 April 2019

DAY 1: Sunday, 31 March

Transfer from the Timisoara International Airport “Traian Vuia” to the Hotel (TBC)

Arrival of Delegates: Check-in and Registration

16:00 – 18:00 Cultural programme – Walking guided tour of the Old Town (optional)

19:00 – 22:00 Welcome dinner

DAY 2: Monday, 1 April

08:30 – 08:45 Transfer from the hotel to the meeting venue – Timiș County Council Conference Room

08:45 – 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 - 09:15 **Welcoming addresses**

Romanian EU Presidency, Ionel Florian Lixandru, Secretary of State for Pre-university education

European Commission, Sophia Eriksson Waterschoot, Director for Youth, Education and Erasmus+, European Commission

09:15 – 10:00 **Education and Training 2020 – updates from European Commission on:**

ET2020 Working Groups on Schools and on Early Childhood Education and Care

Council Recommendation on key competences for lifelong learning

Council Recommendation on promoting common values, inclusive education, and the European dimension of teaching

Discussions

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening Schools to Europe**

Radu Albu Comănescu, UBB Cluj Napoca

Radu Szekely, adviser to the education minister

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break and family photo

11:00 – 12:45 **Plenary session I: Mainstreaming Erasmus in Europe's school education systems**

Introduction by the European Commission, followed by

Parallel group sessions on:

- **Pupil mobility: group/individual mobility and blended forms including eTwinning**, moderated by *Adrian Georgescu, deputy director Romanian National Agency for Community programmes in the field of Education and Vocational Training*
- **Staff mobility: increasing the number of teaching assignments abroad** – moderated by *Serban Iosifescu, director Romanian Agency for quality assurance in pre-university education*
- **Inclusive schools: increasing the number of schools taking part in Erasmus and ensuring participation of pupils from all social backgrounds**, moderated by *Nicusor Ciobanu, expert in charge of the Inclusion Strategy, Romanian National Agency for Community programmes in the field of Education and Vocational Training*
- **Jean Monnet for Schools, 'European schools' label, "eTwinning School" label** – enhancing collaboration between teachers – *European Commission*

Closing plenary session I: presentation of group discussions' outcomes

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:15 **Plenary session II: Building European identity through culture**

Introduction to the topic, Ciprian Fartusnic, Institute of Education Sciences

Timisoara, European Capital of Culture 2021 – Mateea Marin, project manager Timisoara 2021 – European Capital of Culture

Rotating group discussions around good practice examples:

Group 1

Built environment education: integrated approach and project based learning - Vera Marin, Playing Architecture Association, Romania

Changing environments, changing roles: artist-teacher partnerships and the value of cultural experiences - Raluca Iacob, founder CubicMeter – resources for culture – Romania

Group 2

Math around us – Andreea Suci, Romania;

UNESCO Heritage project - Dalia Chira, “Liviu Rebreanu” National College Bistrița Năsăud, Romania

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break and rotation between groups

17:00 – 17:15 Closing plenary session II: presentation of group discussions’ outcomes and reflections on first day’s learnings

17:15 – 17:30 Transfer from the meeting venue to the hotel

18:30 – 19:00 Transfer from the hotel to the official dinner

19:00 – 22:00 Official dinner at “Recaș” Vineyard

DAY 3: Tuesday, 2 April

08:45 – 09:00 Transfer from the hotel to the meeting venue

09:00 – 11:00 Plenary session III: Common European values - developing competences for democratic culture

Introduction to the topic - Council of Europe’s Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture as a way to implement the Council Recommendations on key competences and on promoting common values, *Călin Rus, Intercultural Institute of Timisoara*

School visit – interaction with pupils and teachers on democratic culture

10:30 – 11:00 Walk to and from participating schools to the meeting venue and Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 Closing plenary session III:

Feedback from participants

Final feedback - the European Commission

Presentation by the upcoming Finnish Presidency

Closing remarks by the Romanian EU Presidency

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

Transfer to the airport

Note:

Language regime: The working language of this event will be English. There will be no interpretation available.