

**New Education Forum - NEF**, created in 2015 by the Center for Innovative Education, is a platform for exchanging knowledge, experience and contacts in the field of educational innovations. NEF works across Europe, bringing together representatives of over 380 institutions from 17 EU Member States: European regions and cities, higher education and research institutions, as well as employers from a variety of industries.

The first NEF meeting - cohosted by MEP Mr Jerzy Buzek, the Forum's First Ambassador - was in 2015. Since that time, 27 regional and annual NEF meetings (including 6 in the European Parliament) have been held, each on international level, attracting over 3.760 participants.

We have been proud to host many outstanding panellists, enough to mention Mr Tibor Navracsics, the EU Commissioner for Education who opened the first New Education Forum Warsaw in 2015, Valdis Dombrovskis (the EU Commissioner), Montserrat Gomendio (Deputy Director, Education and Skills, OECD), Thérèse De Liedekerke (Deputy Director General, BusinessEurope), Dominika Bettman (CEO, Microsoft Poland), Sophia Eriksson Waterschoot (Director, Youth, Education and Erasmus+, DG Education and Culture, European Commission) and many others.

While defining the goals of these meetings, it is worth underlining:

- Promotion of transversal competences as essential labour resources;
- Improvement of the perception of vocational educational and training by preventing prejudice and exclusion;
- Finding innovative directions for education, aiming to engage individuals in difficult circumstances, particularly NEETs, refugees, persons with disabilities;
- Building bridges between EU regions and cities and European institutions with respect of the abovementioned issue.

So far, NEF has taken place around Europe, including Edingurgh, Limerick, Santander, Warsaw, Brussels, Poznań, Comillas, Turin, Berlin, Olsztyn, Aberdeen, Opole, Bielsko-Biała giving the opportunity to build innovative education network, conduct debates and create valuable partnerships, analyze local conditions, raise questions and look for answers and practical solutions, meeting the needs of the local and European labour markets.

On November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the annual New Education Forum in Brussels European Parliament was held mainly focusing on manners for adapting schools to the Green transition and digital and gamification learning models - so important for the labour market.

The next New Education Forum will take place in Austria in Linz at the Pedagogical University College Upper Austria on the 19th of January 2023.

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