

Symposium

Staying on track

Tackling early school leaving
and promoting success in school

Luxembourg, 9th and 10th July 2015

Programme



WEDNESDAY, 8TH JULY 2015

15.00 to 19.00	Shuttle service between the airport and the hotels Alvisse and Ibis Belval Arrival of participants and registration at the hotels
15.50	Shuttle to the pre-conference event Maison du Savoir (Esch-Belval)
17.00 to 20.00	<p><i>Optional pre-conference event</i></p> <p>Closing of the Comenius-Regio project “Culture for success”</p> <p>17.00: Conference opened by the Minister of Education, Children and Youth, Claude Meisch, followed by presentations by representatives of the participating institutions</p> <p>17.15: Screening of the film “Open the book of legends!”</p> <p>17.45: Explanation of the working method by Serge Boimare and presentation of the project results Live performances</p> <p>19.15: Closing cocktail and information stands on the activities developed within the project</p> <p><i>Maison du Savoir, Esch-Belval</i></p>
20.00	Shuttle from the Maison du Savoir to Lycée Bel-Val
20.15	<p>Joint dinner with the Comenius-Regio project team</p> <p><i>Lycée Bel-Val, Belvaux</i></p>
22.00	Shuttle to the hotels

THURSDAY, 9TH JULY 2015

Moderator: Jean Billa (Ministry of Education, Children and Youth, Luxembourg)
Conference Venue: Maison du Savoir, Esch-Belval
Conference language: Plenary sessions: EN, DE and FR
 Working groups: EN

from 8.00	Shuttle to the Maison du Savoir
9.00 to 9.30	Welcome and registration of participants at the Maison du Savoir
9.30 to 10.00	Welcoming addresses Claude Meisch – Minister of Education, Children and Youth (Luxembourg) Tibor Navracsics – EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
10.00 to 10.45	<i>Key-note speech and debate</i> Why has early school leaving become an issue? Overview of socio-economic insights François Dubet – Emeritus Professor and Director of Studies at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) at the University of Bordeaux
10.45 to 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 to 12.00	<i>Key-note speech and debate</i> Early school leaving: Causes, consequences and educational challenges Erna Nairz-Wirth – University Professor in the Department for Educational Sciences at the Vienna University of Economics and Business
12.00 to 12.25	<i>Presentation</i> The EU policy framework on early school leaving: milestones and recent developments Sophie Beernaerts– Head of the Unit “School and educators; multilingualism” at the Directorate-General for Education and Culture of the European Commission
12.25 to 12.30	Introduction to the working groups
12.30 to 14.15	Lunch

14.15 to 17.15	Parallel working groups <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Towards a national strategy to tackle ESL 2. Embracing diversity in schools 3. Studies and analyses on ESL: the complementarity of European, national and individual perspectives 4. Promoting smooth educational pathways: universal and transition-targeted strategies to promote educational success 5. NE(E)T-Work: Policies, strategies and best practices in multilateral cooperation to re-engage young people in education (covering both formal and non-formal education) 6. Building relationships between school, family and community to enhance students' school persistence and prevent ESL <p><i>(A 15' coffee break can be taken individually between 15.15 and 16.00)</i></p>
17.30	Shuttle to the village of Schengen
18.30	Presentation of the monument "Schengen Agreement"
19.15 to 22.00	Gala Dinner and boat trip on the Moselle river (dress code: casual)

FRIDAY, 10TH JULY 2015

from 8.00	Shuttle to the Maison du Savoir
9.15 to 9.45	<i>Parallel working sessions</i> Finalisation of the working groups' conclusions
9.45 to 10.15	Coffee break
10.15 to 11.30	<i>Presentation in the plenary</i> Presentation of the working groups' key messages
11.30 to 12.45	<i>Panel discussion</i> Expert discussion on the key messages Participants: Sophie Beernaerts (European Commission), Odile Cordelier (ETUCE), Eszter Salamon (EPA), Chris Harrison (ESHA), Brendan Power (OBESSU), Marcio Barcelos (European Youth Forum).
12.45 to 13.00	<i>Closing speech</i> Conference conclusions Claude Meisch, Minister of Education, Children and Youth (Luxembourg)
13.15 to 14.30	Closing lunch
14.30	Shuttle to the hotels, to the railway station and to the airport