

It is political momentum at the EU level!



The Communication recently adopted by the European Commission calls for more pupil mobility and for more initiatives to support teaching in diverse classrooms. On both points, YFU can bring expertise and vision! On May 30th, the European Commission adopted a specific [Communication on School Development and Excellent Teaching](#), aiming at:

- Raising the quality and inclusiveness of schools;
- Supporting excellent teachers and school leaders;
- Improving the governance of school education systems.

In particular, this Communication raises two points that relate very much to the work of YFU:

- Increasing cooperation between schools by making school partnerships and **pupil mobility under Erasmus+ more accessible**. This vision aligns very much with our call for more investments in pupil mobility, in order to make learning mobility accessible to a bigger number of young people.
- Promoting and supporting policy experimentation on **teaching in diverse classrooms as part of the 2018 Erasmus+ work programme**. We also believe that teachers, at all stages in their careers, need to be better equipped to manage intercultural conflicts, value diversity while promoting shared values, and to help unleash the potential of different individuals.

With our project “[Coloured Glasses: Expanding Intercultural Education](#)” (CGrow) we will adapt the “**Coloured-Glasses**” workshops to new targets: teachers and youth workers. Through Coloured-Glasses workshops, teachers will become aware of stereotypes, will be introduced to the concepts of prejudice and discrimination, will become familiar with non-formal education methodologies, and will engage in non-discriminatory practices and intercultural dialogue. Ultimately, they will be better prepared to deal with diversity.

Therefore, we are glad to see that there is political will to support initiatives that help teaching in diverse classrooms (this could mean more funding opportunities for Coloured Glasses!) and we are looking forward to see these intentions reflected in concrete measures, in the 2018 Erasmus+ Programme.



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