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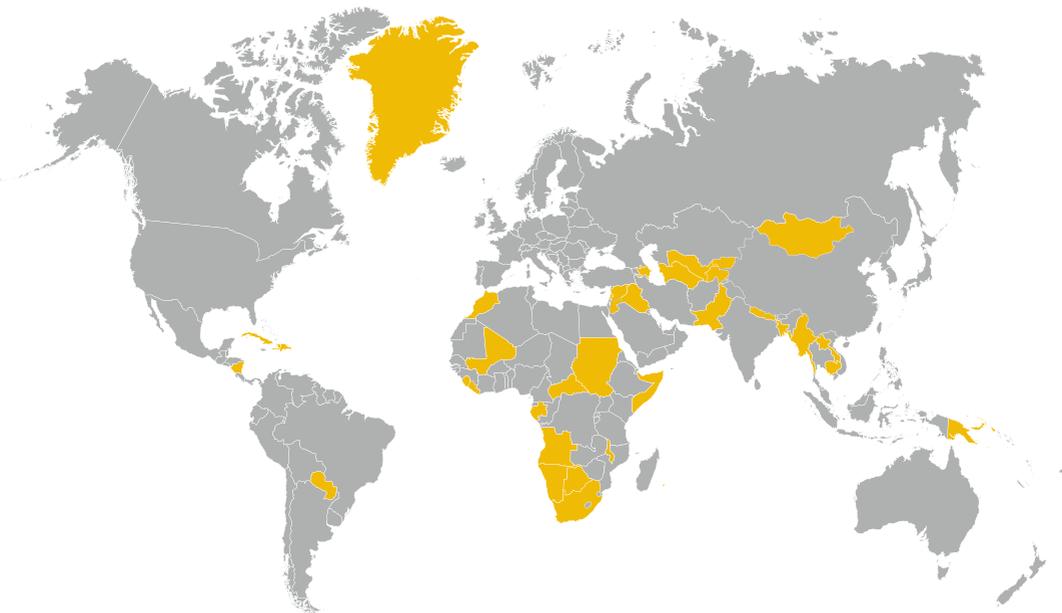


**24th February:** Lunch time conference on the Global Partnership in Education (GPE)



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**EUROPEAN UNION: GLOBAL ACTOR IN  
EDUCATION FOR DEVELOPMENT**

Kapuscinski Development Lectures  
Education - A key driver for Development  
11th February 2015



 **2015**  
European Year  
for Development



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2015 is the European Year for Development - the first ever European Year to focus on development cooperation. Within this initiative, each month will be devoted to a specific theme and February is dedicated to education. In this context, the Kapuscinski development lecture by Julia Gillard, "Education as a key Driver for Development", will be a unique opportunity to better understand the education challenges in the world and how the European Union (EU) and its partners are working together to meet these challenges. This lecture also aims to stimulate reflection on the critical role of education for development and how global education is financed.

A few months before the new universal agreement on the Post 2015 Framework and Sustainable Development Goals at the United Nations Summit in September 2015 (the current Millennium Development Goals, put in place in the year 2000, expire this year), many countries are off track to meet the 2015 education targets. Despite the fact that the number of children with no schooling has been reduced by almost a half in the past decade, efforts are still needed to ensure that all children in developing countries are able to go to school and receive education of good quality.

There is still a number of challenges: 58 million children around the world do not have access to primary education, leaving us many millions away from our goal of universal primary education. At the current rate, poor rural African girls will get access to primary education only in 2086.

Half of the children out of school live in conflict-affected countries. Urgent action is needed to bring education to the 28.5 million primary school age children out of school in the world's conflict zones.

Furthermore, with a growing world population new challenges need to be taken in consideration in the designing of education policies.

Education is more than reading, writing, and arithmetic. It is one of the most effective ways of reducing poverty and inequality and improving people's lives. It boosts economic growth, promotes gender equality and human rights and contributes to build peaceful societies.

As the world's largest donor, the EU and its Member States have collectively played a critical role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the Education for All (EFA) goals and in shaping the post-2015 Agenda. If the future post 2015 education goals are to be met, all actors have to demonstrate stronger political leadership and work together for aid effectiveness.

The EU will renew its efforts to improve access to, and quality and equity of education, paying special attention to countries affected by conflict or fragile situations, in the framework of a comprehensive approach including education financing, teacher training and management, vocational training and higher education.

Thus the European Union will continue to be at the forefront of efforts to eradicate poverty and enhancing education will remain high on the international development Agenda.

### Did you know that?

- If all students in low income countries left school with basic reading skills, around 171 million people could be lifted out of poverty and global poverty would decline by 12 percent.
- If all women were to complete primary education, there would be 66 percent fewer maternal deaths, saving more than 189,000 lives each year.
- Education has been identified as one of the key indicators or conditions for determining peace within societies.

### Example of EU action supporting quality in Education

The Delegation of the European Union (EUD) in Papua New Guinea implemented the "Human Resources Development in the Education Sector Program Phase 1" (EUR 16.8 million) under the 10th European Development Fund (EDF) 2008-2013. Results of the implementation of this programme include:

- **Strengthened management capacities** of education administrators at sub-national levels.
- **Scholarships provided to 900 pre-service primary school teachers** from rural areas of which 50% are female.
- **220 teachers graduated** through the scholarship project; **700 teachers** to be sponsored during 2015.
- **Skills training provided for Teacher Training College (TTC) lecturers** with a prime focus on pedagogy (in line with inclusive methodologies) and management.
- **Strengthened decentralised and distance-mode training structures** for training primary school teachers and ongoing support to their professional development, particularly in remote and underserved areas.

### EU support to development in general

- In 2013, the EU disbursed more than 56% of global aid and it is currently the largest public donor of development aid in the world.
- In the "Agenda for Change", the EU made a commitment to allocate at least 20 % of EU aid to supporting social inclusion and human development.

### EU support to education for development

- In the financial framework 2014-2020, the overall EU budget allocated to support education and training in developing countries stands at an estimated EUR 4600 million.
- About EUR 2660 million directed to support education and vocational training in 40 countries half of which are in fragile situations or conflict affected.
- EUR 465 million for various other activities, including EUR 375 million for The Global Partnership for Education (GPE).
- EUR 1450 million to Erasmus+ directed to increasing higher education cooperation with the developing world.

### EU Main policies and initiatives support in education for development



**European Consensus on Development** (2005): Statement on the EU development policy



**More and Better Education in Developing Countries** (2010): European Commission Staff Working Document



**A decent life for all: from vision to collective action** (2014): Communication from the Commission about the post-2015 agenda



**The Agenda for Change** (2011): Agenda for increasing the impact of EU Development Policy



**Higher Education initiatives under Erasmus+** EU programme for education, training, youth and sport. [http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/higher-education/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/higher-education/index_en.htm)



**Global Partnership in Education (GPE)** Multilateral partnership devoted to quality education. <http://www.globalpartnership.org/>



**International Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE)** Network for promoting access to quality, safe, and relevant education for all persons affected by crisis. <http://www.ineesite.org>