



A Manifesto for and by Young European Learners

Aware as we are of the fact that the Member States of the European Union are responsible for their education and training systems,
Convinced as we are of the need to guarantee equity for all young people in education and training,
Willing as we are to undertake fruitful collaboration with all other educational stakeholders,
Conscious as we are of our own responsibilities, we are committed to working willingly, openly and unfailingly.

We **YOUNG EUROPEAN LEARNERS** thus request that:

<i>Common knowledge bases</i>	every European learner be given the possibility to acquire common knowledge bases throughout Europe;
<i>Flexible learning tracks and open learning environments</i>	every European learner have the opportunity to engage in learning pathways respecting his/her individual needs and differences within flexibly-organized schools and attractive learning environments open to innovation;
<i>School-work and School-research links</i>	every European learner have direct experience of the multiple links possible between school and the worlds of work and of research;
<i>Identity</i>	every European learner be helped to understand and value the peculiarities of the multiple levels of his/her identity: local, national, European and as a citizen of the world;
<i>Mobility</i>	every European learner be offered wide-ranging and concrete opportunities for mobility abroad during his/her time at school and in training, with a European-level certification of the competences acquired during mobility;
<i>Active Citizenship</i>	the learning pathways of every European learner foresee engagement with active citizenship practices and volunteer work, also with the aim of contributing towards sustainable development;
<i>Creative expression</i>	every European learner have access to a wide range of expressive and creative means at all levels of schooling and the opportunity to experiment and learn through them;
<i>Lifelong learning</i>	all this together constitute a wealth of learning experiences upon which every European learner may build the foundations of his/her lifelong learning.

In stating that WE YOUNG EUROPEAN LEARNERS are ready to act in order to fulfil our requests, we also invite other forces to join us in this endeavour.