

EASNIE 30: INCLUSIVE EDUCATION SHAPING THE FUTURE

PROGRAMME

**EASNIE's 30th Anniversary High-Level Event, 19 March 2026,
Brussels, Belgium**

By invitation only.

Meeting venue

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Time	Session	Room
09.00–09.30	Arrival and registration	Ground floor
09.30–10.00	Opening ceremony and welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome by Don Mahon, EASNIE Chair, and Thomas Eckert, Director of the Representation of the State of Hessen in Brussels - Opening remarks by Roxana Mînzatu, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission - Launch of the anniversary video. 	First floor
10.00–10.45	Ten Pillars Shaping the Future of Inclusive Education , presented by João Costa , EASNIE Director Launching the Ten Pillars as a common reference framework for countries and all stakeholders in inclusive education, from policy-makers to practitioners and learners.	First floor



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10.45–11.30	<p>Coffee break and exhibition</p> <p>Countries' pathways towards inclusive education – inspiring policies and practices.</p>	Ground floor
11.30–13.00	<p>High-level panel on 'Shaping the Future of Inclusive Education'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen, Director-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission - Li Andersson, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) - Izabela Ziętka, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of National Education, Poland <p>Moderator: João Costa, EASNIE Director</p> <p>Bringing together European and national leaders, this high-level panel will reflect on progress to date and explore how inclusive education policies can be strengthened for the future.</p>	First floor
13.00–14.15	<p>Family photo and lunch</p>	Ground floor
14.15–15.15	<p>From Commitment to Implementation: Advancing Inclusive Education in Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucie Cerna, Senior Analyst in Equity, Inclusion and Transitions, Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD - Krzysztof Stefan Iszkowski, Team Leader, European Child Guarantee, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission - Justine Sass, Chief of the Section of Education for Inclusion and Gender Equality, UNESCO <p>Moderator: Anthoula Kefallinou, EASNIE</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>This session will explore evidence, policies and practices that have proven effective in advancing inclusive education, highlighting why and how they work in different contexts.</p>	First floor
15.15–15.45	<p>Coffee break</p>	Ground floor

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15.45–16.45	<p>Inclusive Education: Building a Societal Consensus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- David Rodrigues, Professor of Inclusive Education, Portugal- Lilia Touil, French jurist, youth advocate and founder of OUI Legacy- Brikena Xhomaqi, Director, Lifelong Learning Platform <p>Moderator: Margarita Bilgeri, EASNIE</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>This session will examine how inclusive education can be supported through shared societal commitment, bringing together perspectives from policy-makers, practitioners and young people.</p>	First floor
16.45–17.00	Closing words by João Costa , EASNIE Director.	First floor