

ELINET

Building a European Literacy Policy Network



Lifelong
Learning
Programme

What is ELINET?

The European Literacy Policy Network ELINET

Is a **union of organizations** engaged in literacy policy-making and promotion in Europe

Formed of **79 partner organizations** from **28 European countries**

(24 EU member states)

Established in February 2014

What is ELINET?

ELINET follows

The European High Level Group of Experts on Literacy

- Established by the European Commission in January 2011
- Launch of Report in Nikosia (Cyprus) in September 2012

The group

- Examined how to support literacy throughout lifelong learning
- Identified common success factors of literacy programmes and policy initiatives
- Came up with proposals for improving literacy

What is ELINET?

The 3 objectives defined by the European High Level Group on Literacy

- Creating a more literate environment
- Improving the quality of teaching
- Increasing participation, inclusion and equity

ACT NOW!

A WIDE RANGE OF PLAYERS CAN

**CONTRIBUTE TO
IMPROVING LITERACY**

The Mission of ELINET

- Helping to raise the literacy level in Europe
- Improving literacy policies in all member countries
- Reducing the number of children, young people and adults with low literacy skills in Europe.

By building a powerful and sustainable network

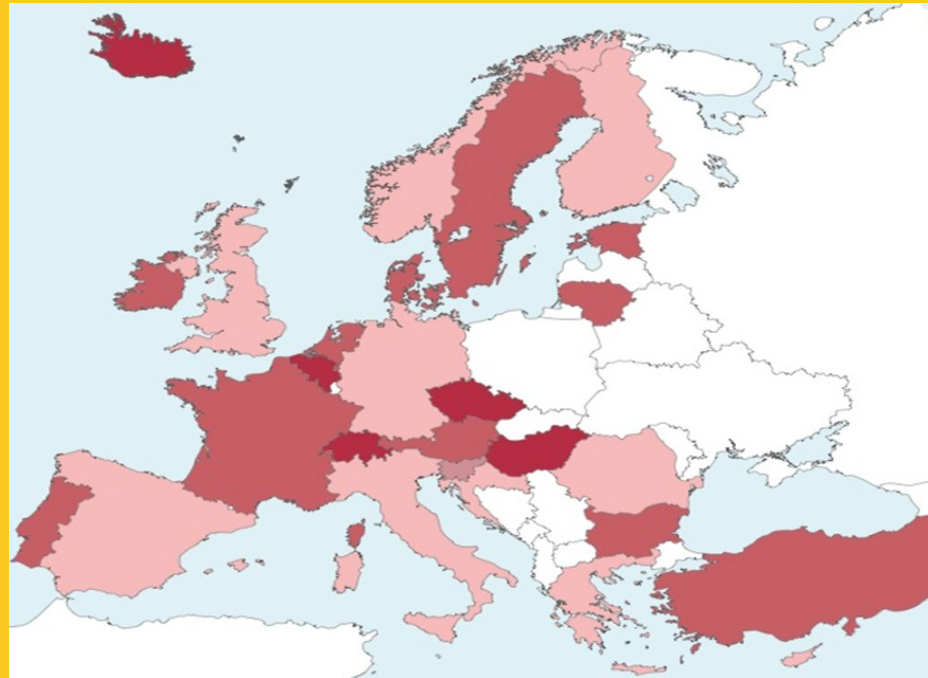
- Developing common standards and frameworks in a bottom-up-process
- Developing evidence-based tools for all actors in the field of literacy
- Supporting existing and new activities locally, regionally, nationally and transnationally.

Who is ELINET?

ELINET Members
28 European countries

Involved Countries

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom



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Types of organizations:

- Education ministries and National Agencies
- Existing literacy networks and national associations
- International organizations (like UNESCO)
- Foundations and NGOs
- Universities, research centres and teacher training institutions
- Volunteer organizations

How does ELINET work?

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The Tasks of ELINET

The ELINET Work Programme

1. **One European Framework of Good Practice in Literacy Policies (EFGP)** comprising all age groups
2. **Best Practice Examples** based on the EFGP
3. **30 Country Reports for all Network countries** about Literacy Performance and Good Practice
4. One common **European Literacy Communication Platform**
5. **Toolkit for Fundraising**
6. **Toolkit of Awareness Raising Activities and Indicators** for measuring effectiveness

ELINET Website

www.eli-net.eu

A common European Literacy Platform

- To display the developed framework of Good Practice in Literacy policies
- To raise awareness for literacy policy issues among stakeholders and policy makers throughout Europe
- To support the exchange in Literacy Policy transnationally
- To ensure the network's further development and to extend the network



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Research and Approaches

Emphasize reading proficiency

- Stress efficient and sustainable reading strategies
- Emphasize critical reading processes
- Helping students succeed with increasingly complex texts

Increase reading engagement for all youth

- Evidence-based principles of reading engagement should guide instruction
- Real world interactions (interesting texts, autonomy/choice, strategy instruction, collaboration)

Increase skills in digital literacy

Attention to gender, social and cultural needs

Close socio-economic gap

- Expanding access and opportunity for participation, integration of lowest and highest performers in literacy
- Equitable distribution of resources across schools

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