How can we make learning mobility a reality for everyone?

In addition to a wide range of consultations, the Commission convened an European Citizens' Panel to deliberate and make recommendations on actions to ensure that everyone has access to learning mobility.

The Panel was composed of 142 citizens, randomly selected, representative of EU diversity. One third were young people aged 16-25. The Citizens’ Panel put forward 21 recommendations to increase access and participation to learning experiences abroad, regardless of age and education.
The recommendations include:

- Making education and trainings systems more inclusive;
- Promoting language learning (e.g. through targeted support or new technologies);
- Increasing learning mobility opportunities for employees (e.g. through courses abroad in different sectors or a dedicated platform for information about opportunities in Europe);
- Recognising the role of educators to encourage them to advise and help their students in learning mobility programmes;
- Promoting deeper integration of vocational education and training (e.g. involving all actors - vocational schools, trainees, craft associations, chambers of commerce and industries - in promoting opportunities in key areas such as green transformation, IT security, utilities, and health);
- Fostering greener learning;
- Encouraging a more balanced distribution of learning mobility destinations.

What’s next?

The citizens’ recommendations have been taken into account in the drafting of the Commission’s proposal for a Council Recommendation ‘Europe on the move – learning mobility opportunities for everyone’. The Panel’s Report with the full set of recommendations is published together with the proposal.

This is a concrete and structured contribution by citizens to the development of European political and legislative initiatives.

The outcome of the European Citizens’ Panel will continue to feed into the work of the Commission, Member States and stakeholders on learning mobility.

It will serve as a guide to support Member States in achieving the targets set in the proposal for a Council recommendation.

The citizens’ recommendations will be discussed during the high-level European Education Summit on 30 November 2023 bringing together Member States and relevant education stakeholders.