

# 2024 BELGIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU

## THE EDUCATION AGENDA

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BFUG

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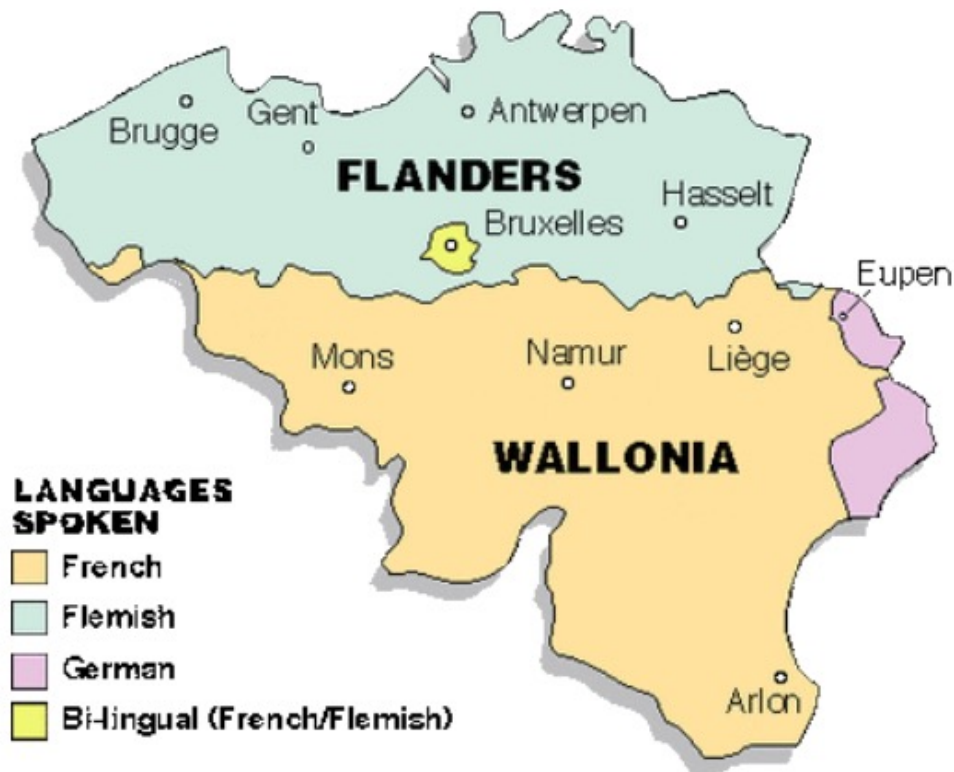
# Organisation of the EDUC Presidency

The Presidency of EDUC involves the three Communities of Belgium:

- **Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles** (French Community):  
Chair of the EYCS-Education Council and the Education Committee
- **Vlaanderen** (Flemish Community)
- **Ostbelgien** (German-speaking community)



# Belgium's fun system



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# Education priorities of the Presidency

Evidence-informed Education

Mobility

Lifelong Learning (LLL)

Digital Education

# Main events

Date	Activities	Location
9-10 January 2024	High-Level Group	Brussels
5-6 February 2024 6-7 February 2024	DG Schools Conference on evidence-informed education	Brussels
19-20 February 2024	Bologna Follow-up Group (1)	Brussels
<i>21-22 February 2024</i>	<i>OECD Skills Summit</i>	<i>Brussels</i>
29 February – 1 March 2024	Informal Council on Mobility	Brussels
18-19 March 2024	DG VET	Mechelen
11-12 April 2024	Bologna Follow-up Group (2) + EQAG GA	Brussels
17-18 April 2024	Flagship conference: Lifelong Learning	Brussels
13-14 May 2024	Formal EYCS Council	Brussels
16-17 May 2024	DG Higher Education	Antwerp
28-29 May 2024	Conference: Digital education dialogues	Ghent
3-4 June 2024 5 June 2024	Attaché trip EDUC Attaché-away Day	Mons Kortrijk
13 June 2024	50th Anniversary of the EDUC Committee	Brussels

# Expected agenda of the European Commission

- Commission proposal for a Council Recommendation on the updated framework for learning mobility (Q4 - 2023)
- Follow up on "Pilot a joint European degree label" (Q2- 2024)
- Commission proposal for a Council Recommendation on a European quality assurance and recognition system (Q2 - 2024)
- Commission proposal for a Council Recommendation on attractive and sustainable careers in higher education (Q2 - 2024)

Conference on Evidence-informed Education	Conference on Lifelong Learning	EU Digital Education Dialogues
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Evidence-informed Education Policy Making</li> <li>•Evidence-informed Practice</li> </ul>	<p>Building a culture of lifelong learning Including themes such as: validation of prior learning, accreditation and flexible pathways (i.a. micro-credentials)</p>	<p>Implementation of the digital recommendations (ES Presidency) Discussion on the progress report of Digital Education Action Plan (DEAP) and priorities for 2024-2027</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•2 half-day conference following the DG Schools meeting</li> <li>•Date: 6 - 7 February 2024</li> <li>•Location: Brussels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1,5-day conference</li> <li>•Date: 17 - 18 April 2024</li> <li>•Location: Brussels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1,5-day restricted conference</li> <li>•Date: 28 - 29 May 2024</li> <li>•Location: Ghent</li> </ul>

# Education priorities of the Presidency: Mobility (higher education)

## ▶ Informal Council

→ Focus on:

- Diploma mobility of higher education students
- Balanced-mobility

→ Structure

- 2 half-day Informal Council
- Date: **29 February - 1 March 2024**
- Location: Brussels



# Bologna Follow-up Group (BFUG)

## ► Dates of the 2 meetings in Brussels:

→ **BFUG1: 18-20/02/2024**, Palais Egmont

→ Suggested hotels (costs supported by delegates):

- NH Stéphanie : [reservation link](#)
- NH Sablon : [reservation link](#)
- Chambord : [reservation link](#)

→ 18/02 PM: optional & free visit  
Museum of Natural Sciences  
+ temporary exhibition “Giants”  
(<https://www.naturalsciences.be/>)



→ **BFUG 2 + EQAR General Assembly: 10-12/04/2024**, Hotel Hilton Double Tree (Rogier)

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