

Education, Culture and Communications

The EU operates a number of funds in the fields of education, culture and communications, each aiming to improve access to services for and building links between EU citizens.

Lifelong Learning Programme
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Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)

The EU's Lifelong Learning Programme brings together a number of EU education initiatives designed to facilitate the exchange of students and teachers across Europe and to improve education and training systems. The LLP has four sub-programmes which support co-operation and exchanges between different education sectors:

Comenius - schools, also communities since 2009.

Erasmus - higher education

Leonardo da Vinci - vocational training

Grundtvig - communities

The Programme is supported by a **Transversal Programme** which aims to promote European co-operation across two or more of these sub-programmes and to promote the quality and transparency of EU Member States' education and training systems.

For further information on the Lifelong Learning Programme please see:

The [Lifelong Learning Programme website](#) in the UK

The [Lifelong Learning Programme website](#) for the EU

Youth In Action

The [Youth In Action](#) programme provides mobility projects and opportunities for young Europeans (aged 13 to 30). It also promotes the development of good quality national and local initiatives involving young people.

The programme is divided into five action groups, which allow for a large range of eligible activity to be funded.

The five actions are;

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Youth For Europe,
European Voluntary Service,
Youth In The World,
Youth Support Systems,
Support for European Co-operation

Culture Programme

The EU's Culture Programme aims to support a variety of cultural activities, particularly focusing on supporting non-profit small cultural enterprises. The general objective of the programme is to develop cultural co-operation between the creators, cultural players and cultural institutions of EU Member States. More specifically, the programme aims to:

- Promote the transnational mobility of people working in the cultural sector;
- Encourage the transnational circulation of works and cultural and artistic products;
- Encourage intercultural dialogue.

For further information on the Culture Programme please see:
The [Culture Programme website](#)

Media Programme

The EU's Media Programme is an EU-wide support programme for the European audiovisual industry which co-finances:

- Training initiatives for audiovisual industry professionals
- The development of production projects (feature films, television drama, documentaries, animation and new media).
- Promotion of European audiovisual works

For further information on the Media Programme please see:
The [Media Programme website](#)

i2010

The i2010 Programme is the European Union's strategic policy framework for Information and Communications Technologies (ICT). It promotes an

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open and competitive digital economy and research into ICT and its application to improve social inclusion, public services and quality of life. There are three funding programmes which support i2010:

The **ICT Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP)**, which is part of the EU's **Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP)**. The ICT PSP aims to stimulate innovation and competitiveness in Europe through the wider uptake and better use of ICT by citizens, governments and businesses (especially Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)).

For further information on i2010 please see:

The [i2010 website](#)

The [Safer Internet Programme](#), which is designed to promote safer use of the Internet and new online technologies, particularly for children, and to fight against illegal content and content unwanted by the end-user, as part of a coherent approach by the European Union.

ICT Research funded through the **7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7)**, which supports research which aims to improve the competitiveness of European industry & to enable Europe to master & shape future developments in ICT so that the social & economic needs are met.

For further information on the ICT element of FP7 please see:

The [FP7 ICT website](#)