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**PISA Success Stories – Exploring Equity and High Performance through PISA**

17 March 2023, 9h30 - 15h

The One (ground floor), Rue de la Loi 107, Brussels

The first part of the meeting (until 11:15) can be attended online ([link Webex](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=m42f5e86e2fa279e79fce836491bfc305__;!!DOxrgLBm!F9yzgWqog6JQSXirLVH2XYTeU8ZB_Xx2UHBAHVO0xobX2d9MyUYWfLb252U0RdsUVlNexYVVKc18eGJ1l5302Ws0PTI$))

This event will look at EU Member States that have improved their PISA performance over the years and discuss the measures and policies that they have taken to improve the level of pupils’ basic skills.

**09:00 Welcome and Coffee**

Registration of participants

**09:30-10:00 Opening remarks**

Ülle Matsin, Head of General Education Policy Department, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research

Stefaan Hermans, Director of Policy Strategy & Evaluation, Directorate-General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

Ewa Wennberg, Head of Unit of the Secretariat for Analysis and International Activities, Swedish Ministry of Education and Research

**10:00-11:15 Opening panel and Q&A**

Presentation of the book “[Lessons from Estonia's Education Success Story: Exploring Equity and High Performance through PISA](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.routledge.com/Lessons-from-Estonias-Education-Success-Story-Exploring-Equity-and-High/Mehisto-Kitsing/p/book/9781032186498__;!!DOxrgLBm!G5wZGbHYOE7DEDZa7jHtxrANlSxFLlKDyeWQKd2is4SR-6Jnofdb_oO9G__8xe7sTZrLU52zLGLljlSBIZCbx3UIUmZB$)” by the authors Maie Kitsing, Adviser for Educational Leadership & Teacher’s Policy, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research and Peeter Mehisto, Honorary Research Associate, University College London   
Institute of Education

Presentation of the study “[Successful PISA stories in the EU: how some Member States have been able to improve their performance over time](https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/fbae6808-f10e-11ec-a534-01aa75ed71a1)”, Dominique Lafontaine, Professor in Educational Science, University of Liège

Moderator: Ülle Matsin, Head of General Education Policy Department, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research

**11:15-11:30** **Break**

**11:30-12:30 First round of parallel breakout sessions**

1. **Teacher/school autonomy**

Peeter Mehisto, Honorary Research Associate, University College London Institute of Education

Dorina Veldhuis, Education Attaché, Permanent Representation of the Netherlands

Moderator: Sirkku Kupiainen, Researcher & Special Adviser, University of Helsinki, Finland

1. **Basic skills and early leaving from education and training**

Anabela Serrão, Member of the Board of National Institute for Education Evaluation & Sara Moura, Adviser, General Department for Education, Portugal

Leo Kilroy, Education and Skills Attaché, Permanent Representation of Ireland

Moderator:Diana Ieleja, Board Member, Consultant RHC Consulting, Latvia

1. **Curricula reforms (competence-based curricula)**

Ülle Matsin, Head of General Education Policy Department, Estonian Ministry   
of Education and Research

Geoffrey Le Clercq, supervisor for the implementation of the common core   
for the Pact of Excellence, Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles

Moderator: Andreas Rasch-Christensen, Director of Research, VIA University College, Denmark

**12:30-13:15 Lunch** (offered at the premises)

**13:15-14:15 Second round of parallel breakout sessions**

1. **Combining equity and high performance**

Maie Kitsing, Adviser for Educational Leadership & Teacher’s Policy, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research

Mojca Štraus, Secretary, Slovenian Ministry of Education

Moderator: Per Kornhall, Independent author, expert and consultant, Sweden

1. **Role of monitoring and evaluation of policy measures**

Robert Rakocevic, Head of Mission for European and International Relations, Department of Evaluation, Forecasting and Performance, French Ministries   
of Education, Youth, Sports, Higher Education, Research

Rossella Cravetto, Policy Officer – Learning Lab on Investing in Education, Directorate-General Education and Culture, European Commission

Moderator: Andre Vyt, Independent Quality Assurance Expert AQARTO and Associate Professor in Behavioural Sciences, University of Ghent, Belgium

1. **Well-being and educational outcomes**

Hugo Wester, Director of Education, National Agency for Education, Sweden

Hjalte Meilvang, Special Adviser, Analysis and Communications Unit, Danish Ministry for Children and Education

Moderator: Eli Pijaca Plavsic, Head of Programme & Education Policy Analyst, Forum for Freedom in Education, Croatia

**14:15-14:50 Wrap-up and overview of the key findings of each breakout session**

Done by moderators from each group

**14:50-15:00 Closing remarks**

Ülle Matsin, Head of General Education Policy Department, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research & Susanne Conze, Head of Country Analysis Unit, Directorate-General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission