

# Policy Area Education

## Steering Group Meeting, online

27 May 2025, 10:00 to 12:00 CET

### I. Opening and adoption of agenda

Ms Anna Wrona, Chair of the Steering Group, opened the meeting. **The agenda was adopted.**

### II. Update on activities spring 2025

#### A. Update from the PACs

The PAC team gave an update on the activities in spring 2025 and an outlook towards fall 2025:

- BSR Active Citizenship - Application to Erasmus+ (cooperation partnerships) submitted
- Successful NC/PAC-meeting in Turku in beginning of April, focussing on preparing the final drafting of the update Action Plan.
- UBC Learning Cities Commission meeting and study visit organised in Hamburg on 8 and 9 April, with a focus on exploring synergies between the LCC and PA EDU (mainly in the field of NEETs).
- Focal Point Ukraine - conference in Gothenburg on democracy and active citizenship
- Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme - conference in Tampere
- 26 May 2025: Webinar with PA Culture - „Culture, creativity and integration of older people” with three showcases from Sweden and Germany (20 participants); now further elaboration of the concept “CultureConnects BSR” (working title) jointly with PA Culture to potentially submit an application to Interreg BSR Small Projects Call.
- 25-27 June: cross-MRS meeting in Vilnius (Social Innovation) with ESFA
- 24-25 September: MRS Week Brussels and meeting with relevant Commission DGs
- 8-10 October: School to Work / UBC Learning Cities Commission Education conference in Stockholm
- Information on the Action Plan update process: the timeline has been updated. Final Actions shall be prepared by 31 October 2025.
- Annual Forum 2025: 28.-30. October 2025 in Sopot/Gdansk. PA EDU has submitted a workshop application (“An Economy of Wellbeing of People. Connecting Minds for a Sustainable Working Life and Healthy Ageing”)

## **B. Updates from Flagships**

Economy of Wellbeing of People, Ms Asli Tepecik Dis, Policy Area Coordinator

School2Work, Mr Gunnar Anderzon, Flagship leader SALAR (Swedish Association of Regions and Local Authorities)

Baltic Science Network, Ms Sarah Marshall-Bensch and Ms Julia Gottwald (Hamburg Ministry of Science, Research and Equalities)

RESIST / Social Innovation, Ms Sabine Herrmann (Hamburg Ministry of Economy, Labour and Innovation) and Mr Hauke Siemen (REM Consult): [RESIST - Interreg Baltic Sea Region](#)

→ *See presentations attached*

## **III. BSR Active Citizenship: experience exchange**

### **A. Civic education in Poland (focus on school curriculum)**

Ms Maria-Magdalena Budkus, Ministry of National Education, Poland

### **B. Civic education in Germany (focus on extra-curricular activities)**

Mr Eike Pockrandt, Deputy Director, Hamburg State Agency for Civic Education (Landeszentrale für politische Bildung)

### **C. The Nordic model of folk high schools**

Ms Lisbeth Trinskjær, Chair of the Danish Folk High School Association, and the Nordic Folk High School Council, Denmark

### **D. Engagement of young people in societal development**

Ms Oksana Nykytiuk, Ukrainian Civil Society Activist staying in Denmark

→ *See presentations attached*

## **IV. A.O.B.**

## **V. Next meeting**

PACs will coordinate with current and future Chair (Estonia) regarding the next meeting. The Estonian presidency will host an opening event in September 2025.

## Participants

MEMBERS	<p><b>POLICY AREA FOCAL POINTS / MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP</b></p> <p>Estonia <i>Ms Liisa Ojaveer, Ministry of Education and Research</i></p> <p>Finland <i>Mr Henrik Ruso, Ministry of Education and Culture</i></p> <p>Latvia <i>Ms Aļona Babiča, Ministry of Education and Science</i></p> <p>Lithuania <i>Mr Raimondas Paškevičius, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports</i></p> <p>Poland <i>Ms Anna Wrona, Ministry of Family, Labor, and Social Policy</i> <i>Ms Anna Pamerska, Ministry of Family, Labor, and Social Policy</i> <i>Ms Anna Kazmierczak, Ministry of National Education</i> <i>Ms Maria-Magdalena Budkus, Ministry of National Education</i> <i>Mr Paweł Nowak, Regional Labour Office in Szczecin</i> <i>Mr Paweł Bardon, Regional Labour Office in Gdańsk</i></p> <p>Sweden <i>Ms Cecilia Ragnarsson, Ministry of Education and Research</i></p> <p><b>POLICY AREA COORDINATORS</b></p> <p><u>Core Group</u> Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg Senate Chancellery <i>Ms Merle Andraschko, Policy Area Coordinator</i> Norden Association Sweden <i>Mr Anders Bergström, Policy Area Coordinator</i> <i>Ms Asli Tepecik Dis, Policy Area Coordinator</i></p>
GUESTS	<p>School to Work <i>Mr Gunnar Anderzon, Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Region</i></p> <p>Baltic Science Network <i>Hamburg Ministry of Science, Research and Equalities</i> <i>Ms Julia Gottwald</i> <i>Ms Sarah Marshall-Bensch</i></p> <p>Baltic Sea Network - European Social Fund <i>Mr Björn Kessner, Managing Authority Hamburg</i></p> <p>RESIST <i>Mr Hauke Siemen, REM Consult</i> <i>Ms Sabine Herrmann, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Ministry of Economy and Innovation</i></p>