

Associate Members

Benefits and prospective outcomes of joining EARLALL

EARLALL believes that regions and local authorities have a **privileged role in designing and implementing strategies on lifelong learning** since they are in direct contact with citizens, educational institutions, and other stakeholders. Created at the initiative of European regions, EARLALL was established in 2001 to support **multi-level cooperation in EU lifelong learning policies**.

The access of **Associate Members** to the network was approved by the General Assembly held in November 2019. By this, institutions and organisations other than regional and local authorities at the second level of elected government of countries in Europe (full members) and operating in the lifelong learning field are invited to join the association, getting a privileged access to its activities, and benefiting of the following features:

Join a space of cooperation

- You will be part of a network that builds on **trust and strong cooperation** to bridge the regional/local and European level, getting access to **best practice exchanges**, a **privileged relationship** with Member Regions and participation in **avant-garde joint initiative** development.
- You will be informed about **project development** opportunities within the network and its working groups, being able to strengthen your cooperation with European regional and local authorities as well as relevant education stakeholders.

Get first-hand information

- You will belong to a long-established and well-connected association in the European education and training arena, getting first-hand access to the latest developments at EU level.
- You will receive the **EU Monitoring newsletter** in your e-mail inbox every month, featuring the latest news about education and training policies at EU level, including also public consultations, funding opportunities, and featured publications by international organisations, such as the OECD and the UN.

Raise your voice

- You will be invited to present your work at EARLALL events, reaching a wide audience at European level.
- You will be able to present your initiatives in the EARLALL Insights quarterly newsletter, featuring latest developments within the network and its members and reaching education and training targeted stakeholders at EU level.
- You will be consulted about the **position papers** to be published by the organisation, being asked to show your concerns and needs.

Your membership and inputs will be featured on **EARLALL online and offline publications** (if any), as well as on its website and social media.

Who can become an associate member?

EARLALL Associate Members are institutions below or above the second elected government level in countries in Europe, or regional/local authorities from outside Europe, as well as other types of organisations dealing with education & training policies and practices willing to cooperate with regional and local authorities in this area. You are expected to actively take part in EARLALL activities and have a strong interest in the development of education & training policies and practices at European level bearing in mind their regional and local dimension.

Examples of associations that can apply to become EARLALL Associate Members are the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Regional and local authorities outside Europe
- Municipalities and councils at the third level of elected government worldwide
- National agencies dealing with education and training
- Universities and research centres
- Chambers of commerce and business associations
- Innovation agencies
- Education institutions
- Foundations
- Civil society organisations
- Employment services

How to join the network?

- Contact EARLALL Secretariat (<u>earlall@earlall.eu</u>), showing your interest in joining the network and including information about your organisation's activities.
- You will receive a form to be completed and sent back to the Secretariat.
- The access will finally be approved by the General Assembly which is held in autumn every year.
- ✓ The annual fee to be paid is of 1,000 EUR.