



# EARLALL

## The European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning

# WHO ARE WE?

EARLALL believes that regions and local authorities have a privileged role in designing and implementing strategies for lifelong learning since they are in direct contact with citizens, educational institutions and the business environment.

The network was established in 2001 and its secretariat is based in Brussels, Belgium. The Presidency is held by the Region Västra Götaland (Sweden).



## EARLALL Members 2026

- Full Members
- Associate Members



# OUR NETWORK

Presidency held by the Region Västra Götaland, with 5 board members

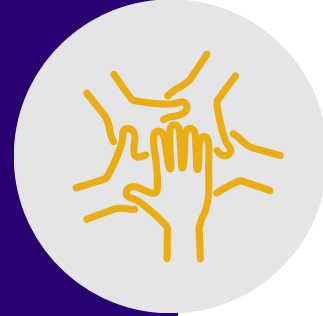
12 regions  
7 associate members

11  
Countries

40+ million inhabitants

# OUR MISSION

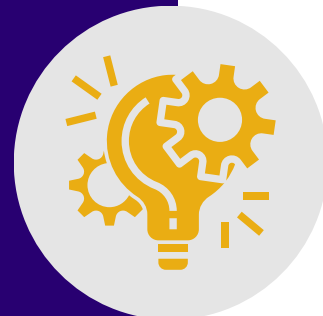
The association aims to facilitate collaboration among its member regions



Providing an open and flexible forum for debates, exchange of knowledge and practices



Promoting joint projects



Contributing to EU policy-making and facilitating the dialogue with the European Union Institutions and other stakeholders in Lifelong Learning



# WHAT BENEFITS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL?



Mutual Trust



Inclusion and Outreach



Stakeholder  
Ecosystems



Technical staff capacity-  
building



Institutional  
capacity-building



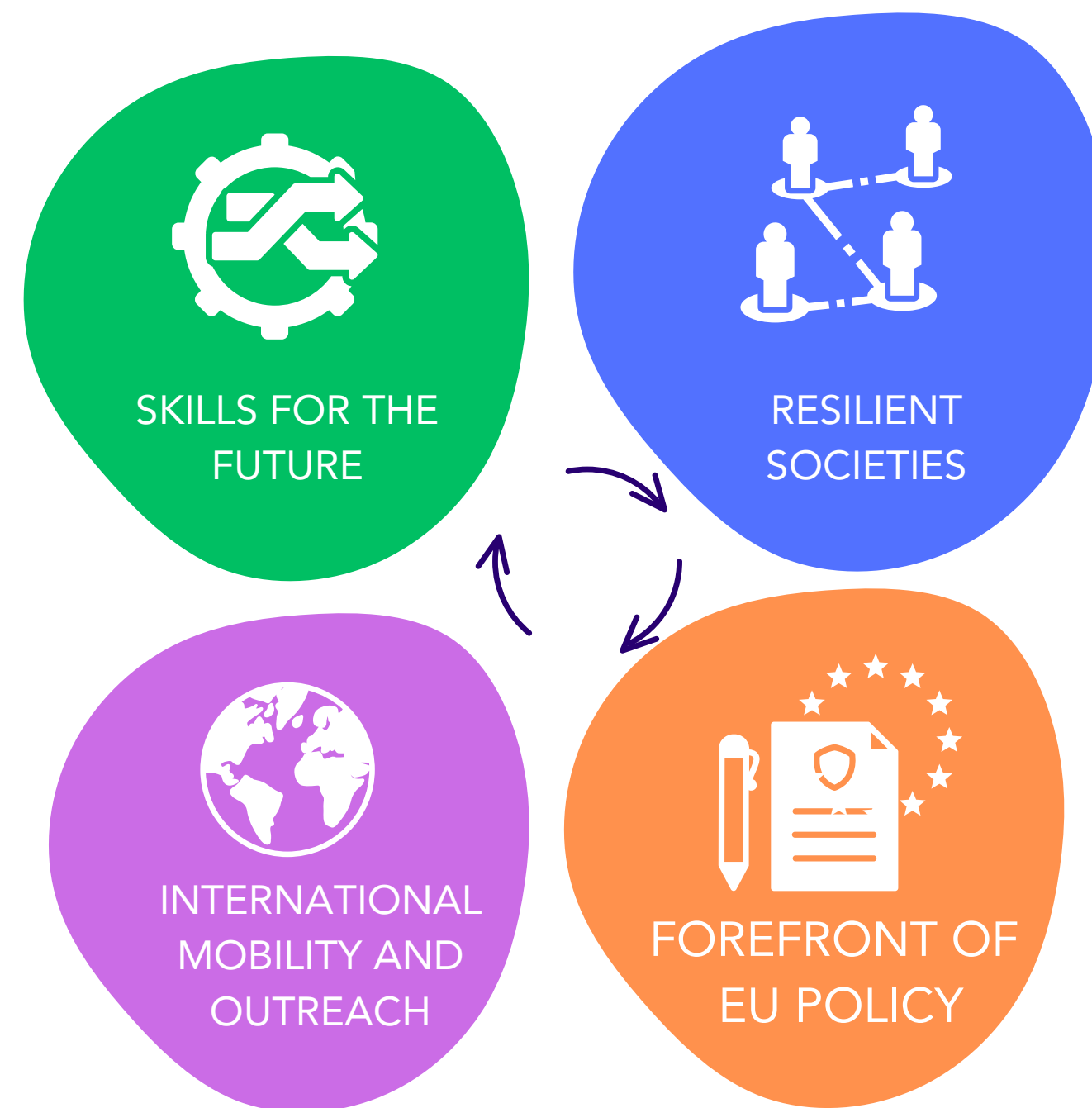
Set the  
example

# EARLALL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2023 - 2028



Strategic Plan  
2023 - 2028

5 Year Priorities  
& 2023-2024 Action Plan



# HOW WE ACHIEVE OUR GOALS?



**CAPACITY-BUILDING**



**RESPONDING TO POLICY**



**OUTREACH AND COOPERATION**



**PROJECTS AND PROJECT EVENTS**



**COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION**



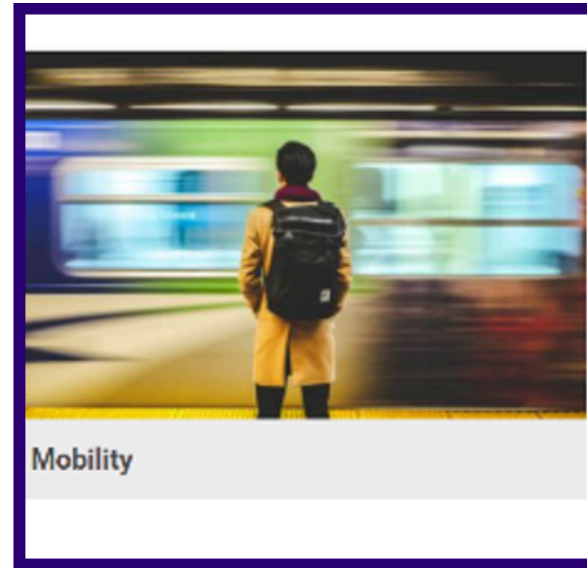


# WORKING GROUPS

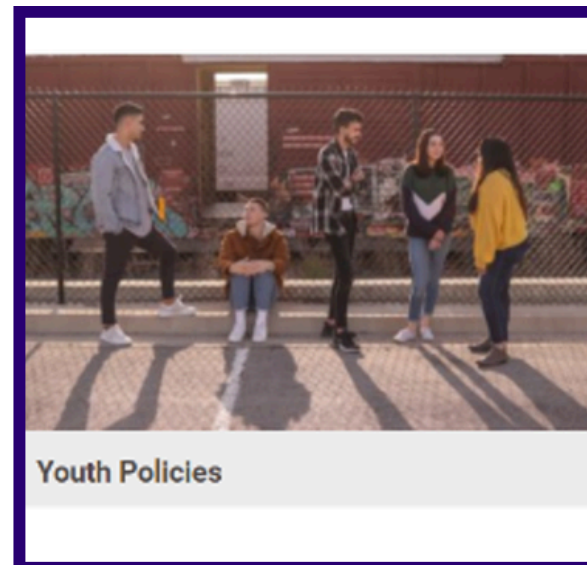
Thematic working groups deal with selected matters and produce specific results

Lead by representatives from member regions

Meet four times per year (online and/or in-person)



Baden-Württemberg  
MINISTERIUM FÜR KULTUS, JUGEND UND SPORT



REGIONE  
TOSCANA





# WORKING GROUPS ACTIVITIES

- Regional Pact for Skills in Lifelong Learning Mobility
- Mobility for People with Fewer Opportunities
- Apprenticeships in EARLALL Regions
- Skills analysis across sectors webinars
- Exploring career guidance services in the digital world
- Social inclusion: migrants labour market integration
- Projects building





# CAPACITY-BUILDING IN LIFELONG LEARNING

The Academy aims to offer online learning sessions designed to support EARLALL members and stakeholders by providing insights with information and knowledge on EU initiatives, tools, and related topics



**Sector Attractiveness Strategies**  
Strategies to Make Less Attractive Sectors More Appealing  
Certified Learner with the EARLALL Academy

**Mobility for All**  
Mobility for learners with fewer opportunities  
Certified Learner with the EARLALL Academy

**Microcredentials**  
Microcredentials  
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**earlall ACADEMY**  
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL & LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING



# GENDER EQUALITY TASK FORCE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

The Task Force that aims to support gender-balanced participation in lifelong learning and to ensure equal access and rights for everyone.

An initiative launched by EfVET, EAEA and EARLALL.



The screenshot shows the website for the Gender Equality Task Force. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, ABOUT US, MEMBERS, ACTIVITIES, and CONTACT. The main header features the text "GENDER EQUALITY TASK FORCE" in large white letters on a blue background. Below this is a colorful illustration of a diverse group of people. The main content area is titled "Gender Equality Task Force for Lifelong Learning" and contains the following text:

The European Association for Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning (EARLALL), the European Forum for Vocational Education and Training (EfVET) and the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) are jointly setting up a dynamic Task Force that aims to support gender-balanced participation in lifelong learning and to ensure equal access and rights for everyone. The President of the European Commission, Ms Ursula von der Leyen, has made gender equality a priority of her mandate since her appointment speech, in July 2019, entitled 'A Europe that strives for more'. In line with this priority, this Task Force advocates for equal and balanced lifelong learning educational opportunities for all – not only to help ensure successful integration into the labour market, but also to challenge the existing gender stereotypes – which can only be achieved through the incorporation of a gender perspective into all EU policies.

An initiative promoted by

**Why a Task Force?**

Acknowledging that adult participation in training is essential to improve overall employability and to address the skills gap in the European labour market, the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan (EPSR) has indicated that 60% of adults should participate in training every year by 2030. While the EPSR indicates a universal goal to achieve, the upskilling of EU citizens requires a gender-sensitive approach in line with the current inequalities in employment, training and education.

As it stands:

- There is an inequality in the EU in the number of working citizens, with the rate of working men in 2019 (79.0%) being 11.7% higher than that of women (67.3%)<sup>[1]</sup>
- There is a gender inequality in enrolments in general education programmes, with female upper secondary students more likely to enrol than men<sup>[2]</sup>
- There is an inequality in the share of early leavers from education and training in the EU, with dropout rates higher among young men (11.4 %) than



# COLLABORATION IN EUROPEAN PLATFORMS

- Active participation in different European Union platform: EAFA, Harnessing Talent Platform, and Pact for Skills
- Member and cooperation with EU Associations



EARLALL Advocacy meeting at EU Commission on Union of Skills (March 2025)





# BILATERAL EXCHANGES UNDER THE EARLALL MOBILITY MATCHMAKING TOOL

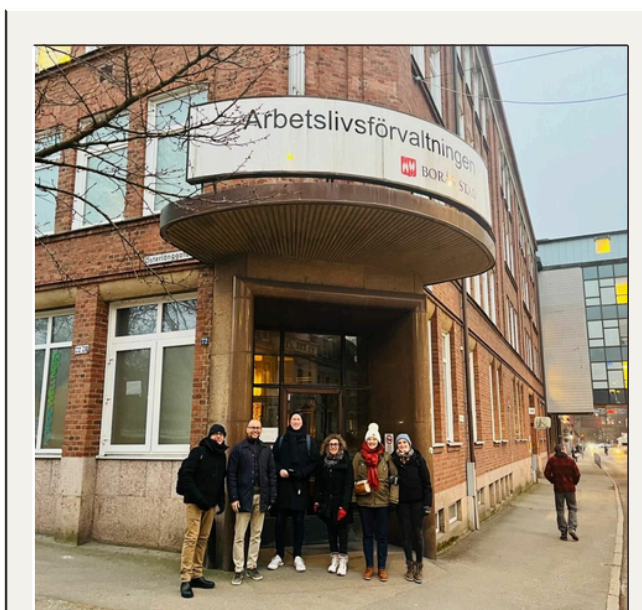
The Pact for Skills Regional Skills Partnership on Lifelong Learning Mobility, aims to foster transnational cooperation and mutual learning in youth employment, international mobility, and inclusive training policies.

## MOBILITY MATCHMAKING TOOL



PACT FOR SKILLS *Leader*

An initiative of the European Commission



Borås (Sweden)  
December 2024



Barcelona (Catalonia)  
February 2025



Vestland County Council Team  
Borås (Sweden) May 2025



Taith (Welsh government)  
June 2025



## OUR PROJECTS

- 9 active projects – including 3 new in 2025
- Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, Interreg Europe, AMIF, ESF+



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