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EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL & LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING



## **EARLALL: the European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning**

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# 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 Basque Country**.



# Our Network



Presidency held by the  
Basque Country, with  
5 board members



11 regions  
7 associate  
members



11  
Countries



40+ million  
inhabitants

EARLALL Members 2024



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# 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?

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Mutual Trust



Inclusion and Outreach



Stakeholder Ecosystems



Technical staff capacity-  
building



Institutional capacity-  
building



Set the example



# EARLALL Strategic Priorities 2023 - 2028



Annual Report  
2022 - 2023



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# Working Groups

- Thematic working groups deal with selected matters and produce specific results
- Lead by **representatives from member regions**



Mobility



Ageing Population & Lifelong Guidance



Youth Policies



Skills & Labour Market



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REGIONE  
TOSCANA



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## Capacity-Building in Lifelong Learning

- 9 Sessions of the EARLALL Academy held in 2023-2024
- 7 external speakers
- Part of the **European Year of Skills**





# Gender Equality Task Force

For equality in lifelong learning

- Launched in January 2023 by **EARLALL, EAEA and EfVET**
- 4 thematic webinars
- 1 European Week of Regions and Cities Session and event report
- 4 Social media campaigns with **#GenderEqualityTaskforce**
- Exchange underway between Centre Val de Loire, Flanders, Catalonia and Borås



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## GENDER EQUALITY TASK FORCE



### Gender Equality Task Force for Lifelong Learning

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

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# Collaboration in European Platforms



Community Co-Lead on the role of regions and cities in Apprenticeships



Associate Member



Member of the Innovation and Research Group



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# Regional Pact for Skills in Lifelong Learning Mobility



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# European Year of Skills



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# Our projects 2023 - 2024

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Interreg  
Europe



Co-funded by  
the European Union

SKYLA



REGALE  
REGIONAL capacity for  
Adult Learning and Education



Interreg  
Europe



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SALAM



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