



EARLALL

The European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning

ABOUT US

25 Years of Lifelong Learning Together



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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 Region Västra Götaland (Sweden).



OUR NETWORK

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

12 regions
5 associate members

10 Countries

40+ million inhabitants

EARLALL Members 2026

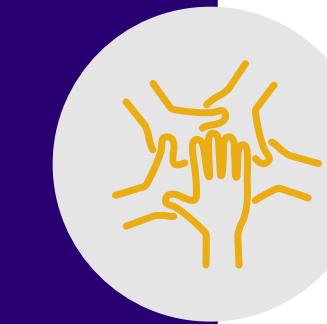
Full Members

Associate Members



OUR MISSION

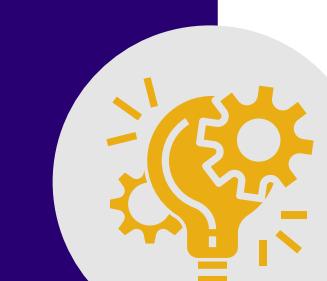
The association aims to facilitate collaboration among its member regions



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



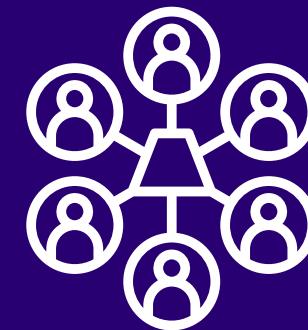
WHAT BENEFITS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL?



Mutual Trust



Inclusion and Outreach



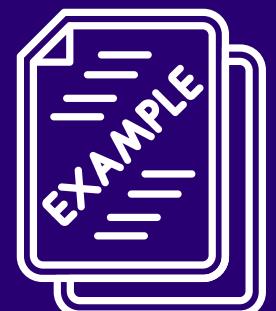
Stakeholder
Ecosystems



Technical staff capacity-
building



Institutional
capacity-building



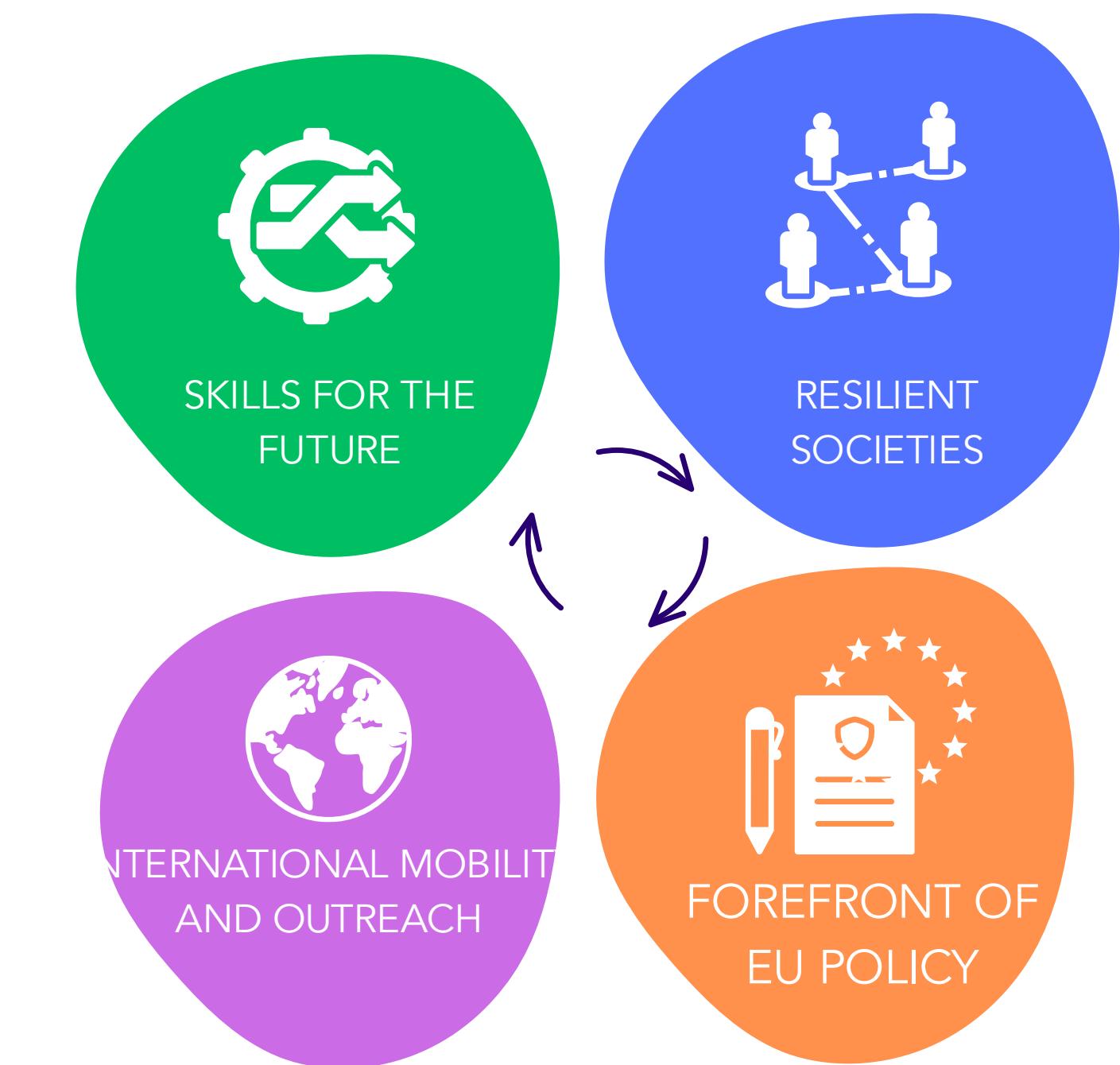
Set the
example

EARLALL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2023 - 2028

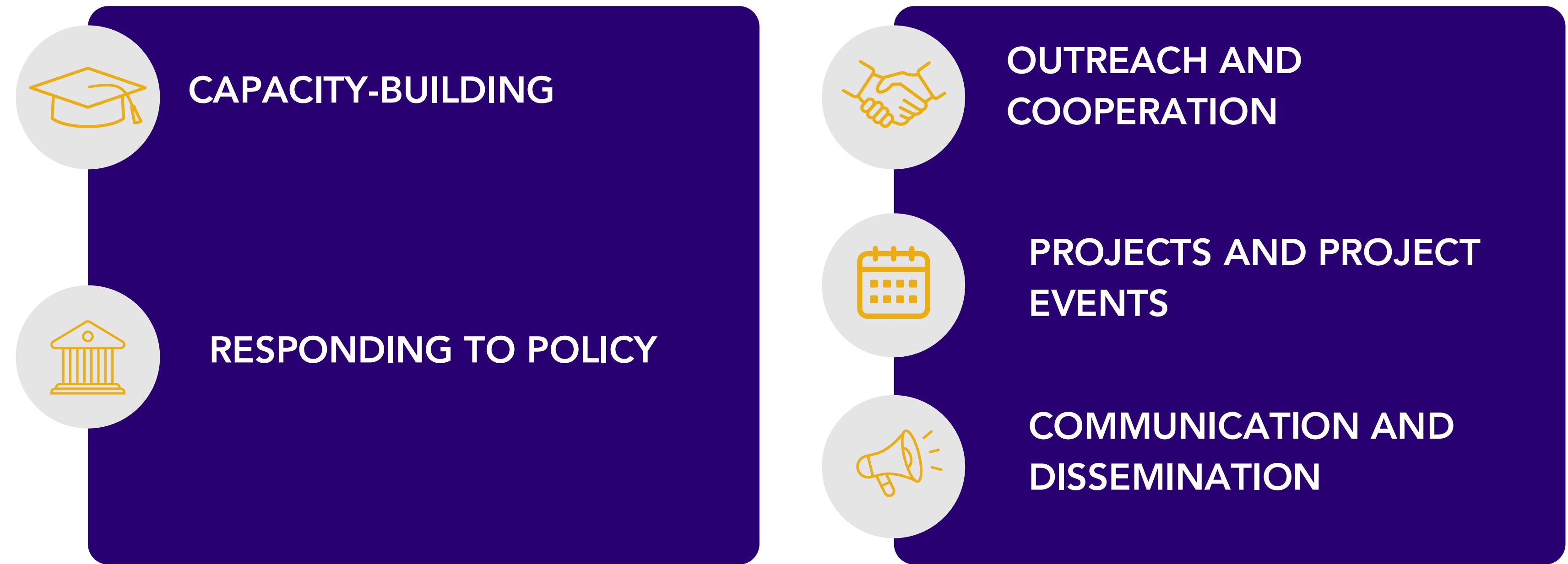


Strategic Plan
2023 - 2028

5 Year Priorities
& 2023-2024 Action Plan



HOW WE ACHIEVE OUR GOALS?



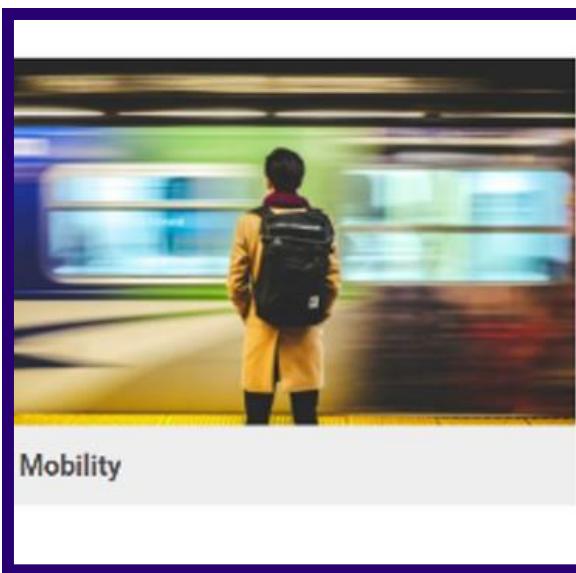


WORKING GROUPS

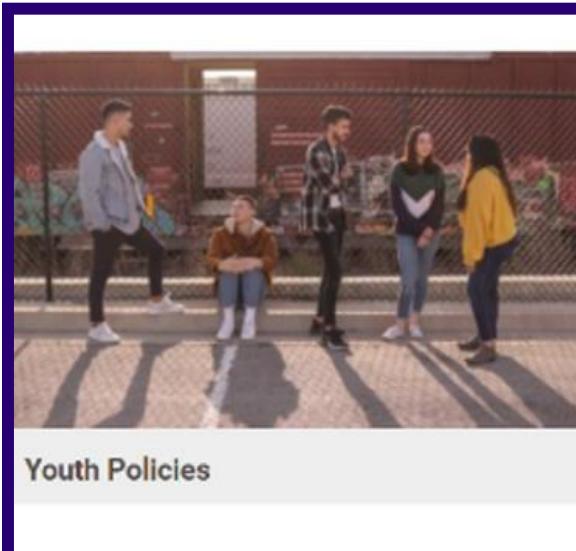
Thematic working groups deal with selected matters and produce specific results

Lead by representatives from member regions

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



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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 webinars during the school year, which will cover transversal themes and topics pertinent to the whole network. The webinars will be learning opportunities tailor-made for the needs of EARLALL's members.



New European Bauhaus
Certified Learner with the EARLALL Academy

Internationalisation for improved capacity of Guidance Services
Certified Learner with the EARLALL Academy

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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 homepage of the Gender Equality Task Force. At the top, the EARLALL logo is visible, followed by a navigation menu with links to HOME, ABOUT US, MEMBERS, ACTIVITIES (which is highlighted in yellow), and CONTACT. The main title 'GENDER EQUALITY TASK FORCE' is prominently displayed in white on a blue background. Below the title is a colorful illustration of a diverse group of people. A sub-section titled 'Gender Equality Task Force for Lifelong Learning' is shown with a detailed description of the initiative's purpose and the three organizations involved: EARLALL, EfVET, and EAEA. Logos for these organizations are also present. A section titled 'Why a Task Force?' provides context about adult participation and the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan (EPSR). A 'As it stands:' section lists three bullet points about gender inequality in the EU.

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 (EEA) 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.

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%)^[1]
- There is a gender inequality in enrolments in general education programmes, with female upper secondary students more likely to enrol than men^[2]
- 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.



Borås (Sweden)
December 2024



Barcelona (Catalonia)
February 2025



Vestland County Council Team
Borås (Sweden) May 2025



Taith (Welsh government)
June 2025

MOBILITY MATCHMAKING TOOL



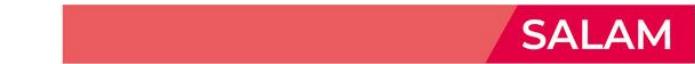
An initiative of the European Commission





OUR PROJECTS

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



Social
Innovation +
Initiative





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EARLALL 25TH Anniversary!



In 2026, the European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning (EARLALL) celebrates its 25th anniversary – a quarter century dedicated to strengthening regional cooperation in education, training, and lifelong learning across Europe.

To mark this milestone, anniversary celebrations **will take place across EARLALL's territories**, highlighting innovative, inclusive, and collaborative approaches to education and skills development. The highlight of the celebrations will be a **Forum on 11 June 2026 in Brussels**, bringing together members, partners, practitioners, and invited stakeholders for a day of dialogue, mutual learning, and inspiration.

Motto: 25 Years of Lifelong Learning Together (tentative)

- 11 June 2026 – Anniversary Celebration Event in Brussels,

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