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Institutions and policies supporting innovation in schools

Based on study *Supporting Innovation in European Schools* commissioned by DG EAC and implemented by PPMI team (2015-2017)





Why innovation?

EMPOWERING SCHOOLS

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 Rich body of knowledge on numerous ways in transforming what and how children learn.









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What do we mean by school innovation?

- At *classroom level,* innovation is a teaching practice or approach that is often new to a given context and which can lead to improved students' outcomes.
- At *school level*, innovation is the capacity of schools to embed and sustain innovation in teaching and organisational practices.
- At *system level*, innovation is the capacity of the education system to maintain a constant process of education renewal in line with wider change, to develop institutions and policies for promoting and sustaining innovation in schools.







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System of learning and innovation

Innovation culture needs to be embedded in all levels and all elements of the school education system

Source: adapted from OECD (2016) and Kools & Stoll (2016)





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Key drivers of innovation (system level)



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Looking ahead







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Innovation to become explicitly embedded in education priorities and strategies

- Coordinated system-wide change, eliminating inconsistencies;
- Involving a broad set of actors and promoting dialogue;
- From vision and strategy to specific measures and actions;
- (Re)allocation of resources for implementation.





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Greater schools' autonomy stimulates their innovation potential

- Possibility to organise schooling processes in line with learners' needs requires pedagogical and organisational flexibility;
- Horizontal accountability;
- Support mechanisms to empower schools.







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Policy-makers to review financial incentives for innovation

- Flexibility to allocate resources in line with schools' needs;
- School funding formulas and teacher remuneration systems to allow rewarding and recognising progressive behaviour;
- Financing school partnerships and networks.





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Professional development for teachers and school leaders

- More systematic training on new pedagogies (incl. potential of ICT) and change management;
- Good quality school leadership programmes available to all school leaders;
- Link between theory and practice;
- Action research projects and learning laboratories.





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Partnerships and horizontal interconnectedness of schools

- Stronger role of municipalities in connecting schools;
- High-quality networks and platforms at local, regional, national level;
- Support for schools networking at European and international level.







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Evaluation culture is a key ingredient to culture of innovation

- School policy initiatives with in-built evaluations;
- Capacity of education actors at all levels to understand and interpret data;
- Evidence used for learning, self-reflection and feeding into policy planning and implementation.





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The study on *Supporting Innovation in European Schools* will be published at https://publications.europa.eu/ January 2018

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