Reducing the average European rate of early school leavers to less than 10% by 2020 is one of the education headline targets of the Europe 2020 Strategy. Investment in the educational achievement of young people is essential for the employment prospects of every young person. It is important for the growth of our economy and for social cohesion, especially at a time when the current financial and economic crisis is having a serious impact on young people and their families.

In June 2011, the Education Council adopted a Recommendation on policies to reduce early school leaving (ESL).

What has been done so far?

In 2015, the Council adopted a conclusion on reducing early school leaving & promoting success in school. The Working Group on School Policy, created Policy message identifying key conditions for implementing a whole school approach to tackling early school leaving.

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