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## **Conference**

In 2011 The European Commission launched the "Learning EU @ School" initiative on the basis of evidence that European Union issues are a matter of importance for all members of society, particularly in this period of economic, financial and social turmoil for European citizens.

It is, therefore, necessary to facilitate the teaching and learning of European Union subjects. The main purpose of the initiative is to develop teaching methodologies and didactic content on the European Union as part of the curricula in compulsory education by Jean Monnet Professors.

The "Learning EU @ School" initiative is a concrete response to a real need as underlined by the European Parliament with the wish to include measures promoting civic education (teaching and learning) on European Democratic Citizenship, including studies of Europe and the EU in primary and secondary schools.

In the context of this initiative a study has been run with the purpose of examining the situation concerning the teaching and learning of facts and knowledge about the EU in compulsory education across the Member States.

The study mapped the top-down approaches to learning about the EU at school, reviewing legislation, curricula and initiatives for evidence relating to EU learning; it also carried out case-studies in several countries so to collect good examples on how teaching subjects related to the EU is implemented.

In 2011 the Jean Monnet programme supported "Learning EU @ School" projects involving 45 institutions with the objective of developing and improving the process of learning EU topics at primary and secondary school level.

The conference will present the state of play of Learning about the EU and discuss success factors and obstacles starting from the recommendation of the study and on the basis of the results of the projects presented together with some of the produced tools and methodologies.

We invite you to share experiences and good practices, discuss opportunities and new ideas. Being active in "Learning EU @ School" helps education institutions and decision making authorities in defining their orientations and paths for the future.