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Abstract of Keynote Presentation

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Education Policy of the European Union: Aims, Challenges, Successes and Contradictions

Nowadays education takes place not only in a national, but increasingly also in an international context. The European Union is a key player and an important policy forum in European education. Practically since its foundation, the European Union has dealt with educational policy issues under the formula “Lifelong Learning”. Although the EU has only limited competences in Education Policy, it is exerting an ever increasing influence on the education situation of its member states. The Europeanization of education policies is progressing rapidly thanks to the educational policy activities of the European Union, which have intensified since the millennium within the framework of the Lisbon Strategy and the Open Method of Coordination. This keynote presentation gives a critical overview about the Education Policy activities of the European Union, from its founding until today, raising the question of adequacy of these activities with regard to their impact on the educational situation in the member states. Possible and desirable perspectives for future educational policy measures will also be discussed.

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