

Early School Leaving & Second Chance Education (ESSE)

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The ESSE Project aims to support “smart, sustainable and inclusive growth through the reduction in rates of early school-leaving” across Europe.

With all member states working towards the target of less than 10% early school leaving by the year 2020 in these very challenging economic times, it is more important than ever to facilitate the sharing of best practice across Europe.

The main objectives of the ESSE Project therefore are to identify, assess and validate best practice models for prevention, intervention and compensation in relation to early school leaving. These best practice models will then be shared on the ESSE Observatory; an online space designed for this purpose. There will be a focus on recycling best practice methodologies and philosophies with a view to learning from what has been tried and tested. Finally, the project will culminate in the first ESSE Annual Awards at the end of 2014. This will provide a platform for recognising the excellent work that is already happening in the education sector with regards to tackling this all important issue.

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