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To: DGs, Directors, Assistant Directors, Service Managers, College Principals, Education Officers, Heads of Schools (State and Non-State) and Sections

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Subject: Public Consultation on the Review of the Key Competences

The European Commission has just launched a public consultation to update the 2006 Recommendation on Key Competences for Lifelong Learning. The consultation will run until 19th May 2017 and aims to determine which competences (knowledge, skills and attitudes) young people need to succeed in life.

The Commission aims to develop a shared understanding of key competences needed, such as literacy, citizenship, entrepreneurship and digital competences and to further foster opportunities for learner development in education and training. The revision will also explore how skill assessment and teacher professional development can be supported.

The target groups for this consultation are:

- Educational Authorities and policy makers;
- Policy networks and organisations;
- Education and Training providers;
- Practitioners in Education, training and youth work;
- Social Partners, employment services, career guidance services, businesses;
- Researchers and Academics in Education and Training.

The objective of the consultation is to gather input for informed changes to the 2006 Key Competences Framework. The consultation aims to gather inputs on the following topics:

- Strengths and weaknesses in use of the 2006 Key Competences Framework;

- Priority areas where changes to the Framework and the definition of the competences defined in the Framework are necessary to address the needs of current and future education and training;
- Tools and processes to support key competences development for all.

The European Commission encourages stakeholders to use the online questionnaire in expressing their views by following the link: <https://goo.gl/nVZCru>

In order to assist in the preparation of responses to the consultation, the stakeholders may go through '**The review of the 2006 Key Competences of Life Long Learning**' by following the link: <https://goo.gl/PVi1A2> and the '**Consultation Strategy Document**': <https://goo.gl/5JkbSS>

The questionnaire may either be submitted by the individual stakeholder in his/her own personal capacity or else as an organisation. The results will feed into the review of the 2006 Recommendation of Key Competences and therefore it is very important that everyone participates.

Thank you.

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