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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Delegations will find attached an information note from the Commission on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under 'Any other business' for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 22 and 23 May 2019.

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## **Education Summit**

After the interest triggered by the first European Education Summit in January 2018, which focused on inequality and low achievement in basic skills, a second Education Summit will take place on **26 September 2019** in Brussels at “The Square”. This year the summit will put the teaching profession at the centre of the debate involving Member States governments and EU representatives, teachers, private sector representatives, social partners and other stakeholders. It will focus on the essential role of teachers in ensuring high quality and inclusive education in the European Education Area.

The Commission wishes to provide further details on the context, theme and objectives of the event.

### **Commission's objective**

With the Education Summit the Commission aims at:

- Raising the political profile of education as a vital force for economic growth and social cohesion; and
- Giving renewed focus and stronger impetus to the reform/modernisation of education policies.

### **Context and theme**

The Summit aims to engage policy-makers, stakeholders and teachers in an informal dialogue on the main challenges regarding “Teachers and teaching”. Topics for discussion will include the need to boost the attractiveness of the teaching profession, the shortages of teachers across the board and in particular areas, the importance of investing in innovative teaching methods to promote the development of new skills and competences, and the promotion of teachers' learning as a continuum. At the Summit, participants will explore how to turn these challenges into opportunities.

At the Summit Commissioner Navracsics will launch the 2019 Education and Training Monitor, which will also focus on the teaching profession. It will be based on freshly released TALIS data and provide plenty of analysis to inform the debates at the Summit. As the European Day of Languages will coincide with the Summit, it will offer an opportunity to celebrate this day.

The Summit will bring together around 700 participants, of which around 150 teachers, and will include over twenty interactive sessions.

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