

Mr Navracsics - Meeting with Archbishop Alain Paul Lebeaupin, Apostolic Nuncio to the EU Brussels, 1 June 2015

Steering note

Description of the context, the agenda and the issues to be discussed

You will be meeting with Archbishop Alain Paul Lebeaupin, Apostolic Nuncio to the EU.

Participants

Archbishop Alain Paul Lebeaupin, Apostolic Nuncio to the EU

Objectives

- Inform about the Paris Declaration adopted on 17 March and express commitment to give an operational follow-up to the Declaration by mobilising the existing policy frameworks (ET2020) and funding instruments (Erasmus+)
- Stress the role of religious and non-confessional organisations in delivering on the objectives of the Paris Declaration and call for closer cooperation with education stakeholders and youth organisations at local, regional, national and EU level

Key messages

- The EU has a deep political commitment to cultural diversity and heritage, as well as religious freedom and intercultural dialogue.
- The informal meeting of European Education Ministers in Paris on 17 March and the common Declaration agreed there marked the EU's determination to promote social inclusion, combat prejudice, foster civic and social competences through education.
- You are personally committed to take concrete action to support the Member States in this (new EU priorities for education and training, reinforcing the third strategic objective under ET2020 on "Promoting equity, social cohesion and active citizenship"; targeted use of Erasmus+; inclusion of education in the European Agenda on Security.)