

**International ELINET Symposium 2018**  
**“Literacy in the 21st Century: Participation – Inclusion – Equity”.**

July 23-24, 2018, Cologne, Germany



**Key Notes and Round Tables - Overview**

**Location:** Lecture Hall Building / 1<sup>st</sup> Floor / Room C

LITERACY CHANGES LIVES.

**Key Note: A comprehensive approach to literacy and language learning in multilingual European societies**

**Time:** Monday, July 23, at 14.30–15.30

**Location:** Lecture Hall Building / 1<sup>st</sup> Floor / Room C

**Speaker:**

**Kristina Cunningham,**  
European Commission  
DG EAC – EDUCATION YOUTH, SPORT AND CULTURE

**Respondents:** **Viv Bird**, ELINET Management Board and **Dr. Christoph Gantefort**, Mercator Institute for Literacy and Language Education, Cologne

**Key Note: Literacy, citizenship and digital technology - policy, perspectives and practices in Europe and beyond**

**Time:** Tuesday, July 24, at 09.00–10.00

**Location:** Lecture Hall Building / 1<sup>st</sup> Floor / Room C

**Speaker:**

**Janice Richardson**  
International Advisor, literacy, rights & democracy  
Luxembourg

**Respondents:** **Fabio Nascimbeni**, Universidad Internacional de la Rioja (UNIR) and **Jeroen Clemens**, Windesheim University for Applied Sciences, Netherlands

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**ROUND TABLE: Literacy policies in Europe – examples of successful national policies**

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**Chair:** Viv Bird, ELINET Management Board

Time	Presenter / Country	Title
<b>Introduction</b>		
17.45 - 17.55	Viv Bird (United Kingdom)	Introductions and literacy policy context
<b>Input Contributions</b>		
17.55 - 18.05	Gerry Shiel (Ireland)	The implementation of the national strategy to improve literacy and numeracy in Ireland
18.05 - 18.15	Ana Cristina Ferreira de Aguiar Sarmiento, & Iris Susan Pires Pereira (Portugal)	Literacy policy initiatives in Portugal: The National Reading Plan and the National Programme for the Teaching of Portuguese
18.15 - 18.25	Sari Sulkunen & Ilmi Villacis (Finland)	National Literacy Forum in Finland
18.25 - 18.35	Pia Kangas & Helga Stensson (Sweden)	The Literacy Boost – A Professional Development Programme for Teachers in Sweden
<b>Discussion</b>		
18.35-19.00	All presenters and the audience including <b>Respondent:</b> Kristina Cunningham, DG Education and Culture, European Commission, Brussels	Discussion and exchange

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**ROUND TABLE: International Literacy Assessments – Current Trends and Future Directions in PIRLS and PISA: Implications for Literacy Curriculum Development and Policy**

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**Chair:** William G. Brozo, George Mason University, USA

Time	Presenter(s)	Title
Block 1: Opening presentation		
14.00-14.20	Heike Wendt (Germany)	<a href="#">Quality and Equity: Trends in Europe Early literacy through the lenses of PIRLS</a>
Block 2: Round Table Discussion		
14.20-15.00	William Brozo (USA) Gerry Shiel (Ireland) Sari Sulkunen (Finland) Patricia Shillings (Belgium)	<a href="#">Current Trends and Future Directions in PIRLS and PISA</a>
Block 3: Closing presentation		
15.00-15.10	Renate Valtin (Germany)	<a href="#">European Literacy challenges and the answer of ELINET</a>
Block 4: Audience participation		
15.10-15.30	Presenters & Audience	Discussion & questions