

Cluj Education Manifesto for 2022

Cluster of Education C-EDU

This document is a statement of intent by the members of the Cluster. The Manifesto complements our vision, mission, and values as a strategic document that will underpin the efforts and activities of the Cluster in 2022.

Vision for the future

The Cluster of Education C-EDU believes that **education lies at the foundation of any community**. The future belongs to the economy of knowledge, this is the only field with inexhaustible resources. The Cluj educational ecosystem has all the necessary resources for it to prosper.

Our vision is to create a **connected** and **competent educational ecosystem**, which puts the young people of Cluj at the centre of educational processes, providing them with the tools and skills that will transform them into capable, empathetic active participants in the development of the society and community they are a part of.

Education creates opportunities for long-term **collaboration** and **partnerships**, through bridges between all educational stakeholders. We will act as a space for dialogue and collaboration in order to improve young people's access to educational and formative structures, increase the quality of educational processes, and connect lifelong education to the economic environment.

The Cluster and its members take responsibility for education by **creating learning communities** that are constantly flourishing. We will use our internal resources in a synergistic, well-thought-out manner for the good of the community in which we live. We do not believe in polarized societies. Differences create collective strength; **a complete education is an inclusive one**.

The Cluster of Education is a path to **multidisciplinarity** and **interdisciplinarity**. Multidisciplinarity is amongst the most important directions of development for the Cluj educational ecosystem. We support the intersection of continuous professional training with research and innovation, with the purpose of having education adapted to the dynamics of social change.

C-EDU assumes the concept of **innovative entity** in the **formation of human capital** adapted to innovations and technological changes that condition educational development. We want a future where education meets the needs of the labour market, mindful of digitalization, we will also consider the **importance of the well-being** of pupils, students, and teachers. We cannot have quality education without facilitating **teachers' access to 21st-century education**. We recognize the competitive advantage teachers and educators offer Cluj.

The Education Cluster is a **national** and **international connector**, promoting quality standards of educational processes and connecting them with European ones.

Our projects

The Cluster of Education is the Romanian entity that builds the **"StartupCity Cluj-Napoca"** brand, as a part of the **#European Innovation Area** initiative of StartupCities
Our strategic directions for action:

From the World to Cluj The Cluster is the entity that implements the *Global StartupCities initiative at the local level*.

From Cluj to the World The Cluster increases the level of innovation in the city through initiatives such as the *Cluj Innovation and Experiment Fund - FIX Cluj*.