

Dear Mr/Ms,

The concentration of students from disadvantaged, immigrant and ethnic minority backgrounds in certain schools is a key factor in school failure and early school leaving. School segregation is a common problem in European education systems that threatens the quality, equity and educational achievement of many children and young people, especially those in the most vulnerable situations.

As you are aware, in November 2022, the EU Council adopted the Council Recommendation on “Pathways to school success”. In its policy framework, Member States were once again encouraged to promote active anti-segregation policies as one of their measures. By 2025, EU Member States are called upon to develop school success strategies to minimise the effects of socio-economic status or ethnicity on education and training outcomes, promote inclusion in education and training, and further reduce early school leaving.

Under the Spanish Presidency of the European Council of EU, the Spanish Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, together with Fundació Bofill, Save the Children and Secretariado Gitano and with the collaboration of the European Commission, is organising an **event on “Desegregation policies in the European Union: a pathway to school success”**, which will take place on **7 November in Brussels** (please find attached the programme).

During the event we will address this issue, together with experts, policy makers and representatives of third sector organisations. We would share successful experiences and best practices in this area. At the end of the event, we will discuss possible proposals, suggestions and future lines of action at both European and national level, on the basis of a document which you can find attached.

It would be a pleasure to welcome you to this event. Please confirm your attendance via the following [link](#). Attached to this invitation is the programme of the event, as well as a document of proposals that we would like to be part of the discussion during the event. The event will be webstreamed using the [Webex platform](#).

I look forward to meeting you at this event and send you my warmest regards.

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State Secretary for Education

