

LeadEx newsletter#1

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LeadEx Kick-off in Murcia

The Interreg Europe project **LeadEx – Learning about the Educational Approach to Develop Excellence** – kicked off in Murcia between 19-21 May 2025. The new 4-year project, co-funded by the European Union, aims to enhance education policies in Europe. Through a holistic interregional learning approach, it supports the continuous professional development of teachers, inclusion, digital innovation and excellence, with a particular focus on vulnerable groups. [READ MORE.](#)

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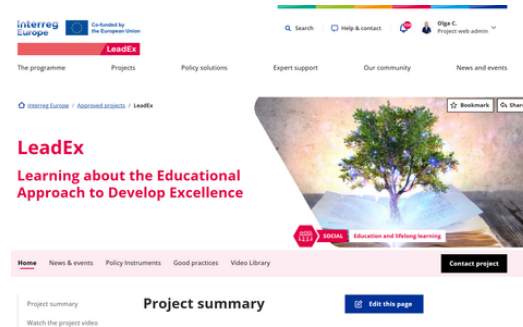
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Spotlight on the Region of Murcia Study Visit

As part of the kick-off meeting, the **first LeadEx study visit** explored good practices **in the Region of Murcia** through visits to [IES Politécnico de Murcia](#) and [CEIP Federico de Arce](#), offering insights into vocational and lifelong learning, as well as primary and preschool education.

Watch two interviews from the kick-off meeting:



[Helen Arus \(Estonian Quality Agency for Education – HAKA\)](#) explains Estonia's involvement in LeadEx and its expectations.



[Juan García Iborra, Head of the Educational Programmes Service of the Region of Murcia](#), outlines why the region joined LeadEx and how it aims to benefit.



LeadEx 2nd study visit and 1st Interregional Educational Seminar in Estonia

On 9–11 March 2026, LeadEx partners gathered in Tallinn, Estonia, for a 2nd study visit and 1st Interregional Educational Seminar **focused on the Estonian education system**, with particular attention to **continuous professional development for teachers**, hosted by the **Estonian Quality Agency for Education (HAKA)**.

Bringing together regional representatives, stakeholders, and experts, the meetings provided an opportunity to exchange perspectives and discuss the findings of the **LeadEx Joint Regional Education Diagnosis Report** produced by EARLALL. [READ MORE.](#)



[Heli Mattisen \(HAKA, Estonia\)](#) and [Alesa Mihelic \(Ministry of Education, Slovenia\)](#) share their involvement in LeadEx and highlight Estonia–Slovenia cooperation.



Project stakeholder [Maie Kitsing, Advisor at the Ministry of Education and Research of Estonia](#), explains her interest in LeadEx and her cooperation with HAKA.



Project partner [Berta López López \(Teachers and Resources Centre, Region of Murcia\)](#) shares her key insights following the study visit in Estonia.



Good practices

Discover inspiring and proven policy solutions identified through the LeadEx project.

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Participation in Events

From 30 September to 2 October 2025, the LeadEx team attended **the Interreg Europe project training days** in Lille, France. Representatives from the Region of Murcia (lead partner), the Podkarpackie Region and EARLALL took part, gaining insights into **project management, financial reporting, and communication**. [READ MORE.](#)



Represented by EARLALL, LeadEx was featured at the **European Week of Regions and Cities 2025** in Brussels on 14–15 October, promoting its mission and highlighting the importance of cross-regional collaboration in advancing lifelong learning. [READ MORE.](#)

On 15 October, during the National Education Day celebrations in the Podkarpackie Region, a **conference inaugurating the LeadEx project** was held. The event brought together teachers, education professionals, and regional representatives, including members of the Podkarpackie Region authorities. [READ MORE.](#)



Participation in Events

EARLALL, LeadEx advisory partner, participated online in the 12th “Europe, Let’s Cooperate!” Interregional Cooperation Forum. The discussions strongly resonated with the objectives of the LeadEx project, particularly in promoting policy learning, stakeholder engagement, and the exchange of good practices in education. **[READ MORE.](#)**

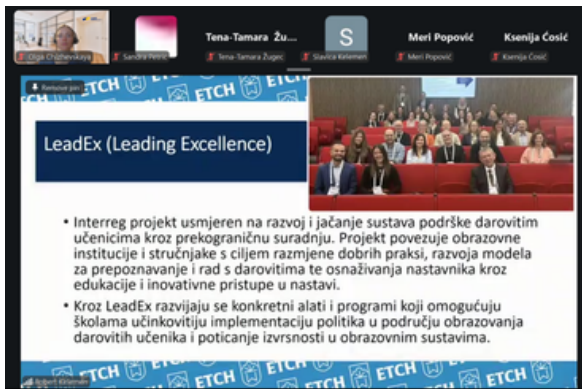
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On 23 April 2026, LeadEx partners participated online in the 6th International Conference on Gifted Education, organised by the European Talent Centre Croatia. The event gathered over 1,000 participants from 14 countries, fostering exchange among experts and practitioners and strengthening approaches to gifted education in line with LeadEx objectives. **[READ MORE.](#)**



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