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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2026/2413

of 3 November 2026

on setting up the European Digital Infrastructure Consortium on Education (EDU-EDIC)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Decision (EU) 2022/2481 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 establishing the Digital Decade Policy Programme 2030 ([1]), and in particular Article 14(3), point (a) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) On 31 August 2026, the Netherlands, France, Spain and Greece applied to the Commission to set up the European Digital Infrastructure Consortium on Education (EDU-EDIC). Croatia applied on 24 September 2026. Slovenia applied on 6 October 2026. Finland and Belgium applied on 9 October 2026.

(2) As the host Member State, the Netherlands has provided a declaration in accordance with Article 14(1), point (d) of Decision (EU) 2022/2481 recognising EDU-EDIC as an international body as referred to in Articles 143(1), point (g) and 151(1), point (b) of Council Directive 2006/112/EC ([2]) and as an international organisation as referred to in Article 11(1), point (b) of Council Directive (EU) 2020/262 ([3]), from the date on which the EDIC is set up.

(3) The Commission assessed the application pursuant to Article 14(2) of Decision (EU) 2022/2481. The Commission concluded that the application meets the conditions required under Article 14(1) of that Decision. Taking into account the general objectives of the Digital Decade Policy Programme, in particular the contribution of the proposed EDIC to the multi-country project concerning European common data infrastructure and services, notably with the aim of strengthening the sovereignty of digital infrastructure in education, the Commission concluded that the proposed EDIC meets the requirements laid down in Articles 13 to 21 of Decision (EU) 2022/2481.

(4) EDU-EDIC is a strategic initiative to support the development of sovereign and interoperable digital infrastructure solutions for education in the Union. It aims at reducing structural dependencies on third-country digital education providers by, among others, fostering the European EdTech offer of digital solutions for schools, including AI tools, strengthening education data governance and interoperability, and contributing to a trusted, inclusive and innovative digital learning ecosystem in the Union. Furthermore, in line with the Union education policies initiatives, including the Union of Skills and the upcoming Education Package, EDU-EDIC also aims at increasing teaching and learning capacities across the Union.

(5) In order to ensure for the prompt application of the measures provided for in this Decision, namely the start of the of EDU-EDIC, which is imperative for its orderly implementation, this Decision should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

(6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the committee established by Article 23(1) of Decision (EU) 2022/2481,

([1]) OJ L 323, 19.12.2022, p. 4. ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2022/2481/oj.
([2]) Council Directive 2006/112/EC of 28 November 2006 on the common system of value added tax (OJ L 347, 11.12.2006, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2006/112/oj).
([3]) Council Directive (EU) 2020/262 of 19 December 2019 laying down the general arrangements for excise duty (OJ L 58, 27.2.2020, p. 4, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2020/262/oj).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The European Digital Infrastructure Consortium on Education (EDU-EDIC) is hereby set up.

2. EDU-EDIC shall have legal personality, and it shall enjoy, in each of the Member States, the most extensive legal capacity accorded to legal entities under the law of that Member State. In particular, it may acquire, own and dispose of movable, immovable and intellectual property, conclude contracts and be a party to legal proceedings.

3. The essential elements of the Statutes of EDU-EDIC, as agreed between its members, are set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 3 November 2026.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE STATUTES OF EDU-EDIC

(1) In accordance with Article 17(1), point (c) of Decision (EU) 2022/2481:

'*Article 2*

Name, seat, location and working language

[…]

2. The name of the EDIC referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be 'Education EDIC', referred to as 'EDU-EDIC'.

3. EDU-EDIC shall have its statutory seat in The Hague, the Netherlands'.

(2) In accordance with Article 17(1), point (d) of Decision (EU) 2022/2481:

'*Article 27*

Duration

EDU-EDIC shall exist for an indefinite period of time.

Article 28

Winding up

1. The winding up of EDU-EDIC shall be decided by the Assembly of Members in accordance with Article 10(9) of these Statues.

2. Without undue delay and in any event within 10 days, EDU-EDIC shall notify the Commission about the decision to wind up EDU-EDIC.

3. Assets remaining after payment of EDU-EDIC's debts shall be apportioned among the Members in proportion to their accumulated annual contribution to EDU-EDIC as specified in Article 9, or transferred to another legal entity to the extent that that entity continues EDIC's activities.

4. Without undue delay and in any event within 10 days, EDU-EDIC shall notify the Commission of the closure of the winding up procedure.

5. EDU-EDIC shall cease to exist on the day on which the Commission publishes the appropriate notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

6. The winding-up of EDU-EDIC does not preclude the transfer of the EDU-EDIC's activities to a new legal entity. This transfer shall take place in accordance with the conditions decided by the Assembly of Members and in agreement with the Commission.'

(3) In accordance with Article 17(1), point (e), of Decision (EU) 2022/2481:

'*Article 19*

Liability and insurance

1. EDU-EDIC shall be liable for its debts.

2. The financial liability of the Members for the debts of EDU-EDIC shall be limited to their respective contributions provided to it, as specified in Annex II to these Statutes.

3. The Union shall not be liable for EDU-EDIC's debts.

4. EDU-EDIC shall take out appropriate insurance to cover the risks specific to its activities.'

(4) In accordance with Article 17(1), point (i) of Decision (EU) 2022/2481:

'*Article 18*

Tax and excise duty exemptions

1. VAT exemptions based on Articles 143(1), point (g) and 151(1), point (b) of Council Directive 2006/112/EC and in accordance with Articles 50 and 51 of Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 282/2011, shall be limited to purchases by EDU-EDIC and by the Members of EDU-EDIC that are for official and exclusive use by EDU-EDIC provided that such purchases are made solely for the non-economic activities of EDU-EDIC in line with its activities.

2. VAT exemptions shall be limited to purchases exceeding the value of EUR 300.

3. Excise duty exemptions based on Article 11(1), point (b), of Council Directive (EU) 2020/262, shall be limited to purchases by EDU-EDIC which are for the official and exclusive use by EDU-EDIC provided that such purchases are made solely for the non-economic activities of EDU-EDIC in line with its activities and that the purchases exceed the value of EUR 300.

4. The procedure at national level necessary to register EDU-EDIC as an international organisation shall be initiated on the day EDU-EDIC is set up.

5. Purchases by staff members shall not be covered by the exemptions.'