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Presidency conclusions on education targets in the Europe 2020 Strategy

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"The Council agreed to propose to the European Council in June 2010 the numerical rates of the EU headline targets to improve education levels of the new strategy Europe 2020, building on the two corresponding levels of European average performance ("European benchmarks") approved in the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET 2020), that is by 2020, the school drop-out rate should be less than 10% and the share of population having completed tertiary or equivalent education should be at least 40%¹.

In line with their responsibility for their education and training systems, the competence of the Member States regarding the setting and implementation of quantitative national targets in the area of education and training is fully maintained. The principles and working methods agreed under the strategic framework for European cooperation in this field play their full role in monitoring progress towards the EU headline targets for education."

¹ i.e. the percentage of those who have successfully completed education at ISCED levels 5 and 6. Member States may in justified cases include national qualifications currently classified at ISCED level 4 into the definition of their national target for tertiary or equivalent education.

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