



The first European hearing, 'Young Views on Special Needs Education', takes place in Brussels

The Agency takes part in the UNESCO IBE International Conference on Education, 48th session, 'Inclusive Education: The Way of the Future', in Geneva

Activity Milestones

1999

2003

2007

2008

2009

The Agency holds its second hearing, under the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union, resulting in the *Lisbon Declaration – Young People's Views on Inclusive Education*



The Agency first collects data on the numbers of learners identified as having special educational needs in **17 member countries**



UNESCO starts collaborating with the Agency on Inclusive Education in Action



The Spanish Ministry of Education and the Agency host a conference on promoting social cohesion as an official European Union Presidency event. The conclusions impact on the **Council Conclusions on the Social Dimension of Education and Training**

2010

2011



The European Parliament hearing '**Young Views on Inclusive Education**' is held in Brussels

2013



The international conference on '**Inclusive Education in Europe: Putting theory into practice**' is held in Brussels

2013



The **Maltese Minister for Education** commissions an external audit assessing special needs and inclusive education in Malta

2014

The Agency starts working on **Country Policy Review and Analysis** as a tool to support reflection on the development of country policies for inclusive education



The Icelandic Ministry of Education, Science and Culture commissions the Agency to conduct an external audit of Iceland's system for inclusive education



The Agency publishes its first Cross-Country Report, based on the first **European Agency Statistics on Inclusive Education** dataset, focusing on the 2012/2013 school year



The Agency is invited to participate in two Education and Training 2020 Working Groups. These are on **Schools** and on **Promoting Common Values and Inclusive Education**

2015

2016

2017



Luxembourg hosts the fourth Agency hearing, '**Inclusive Education: Take Action!**'

Under the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Agency hosts an Education and Training 2020 peer-learning activity on '**Promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education**'



The Agency works with **UNESCO** and the **Network of Education Policy Centers** to produce the 2021 **Global Education Monitoring Regional Report** on inclusion and education in Central and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

The Agency is invited to be a technical provider in the **European Commission's Structural Reform Support Programme** actions in Cyprus and Poland. This leads to further actions over the following years

2018



'Towards a European Education Area – Promoting Common Values and Inclusive Education', a conference under the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, shares the Financing Policies for Inclusive Education Systems project findings

2019



The Agency participates in a UNESCO meeting formulating the **Cali Commitment to equity and inclusion in education** in Cali, Colombia

2020

The Agency is selected to take part in three European Commission Working Groups: on **Early Childhood Education and Care**; on **Schools**; and on **Equality and Values in Education and Training**

2021



The **European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education** is established with 15 countries as an initiative of the Danish Government, endorsed by the member countries' education ministers. A Secretariat is set up in Middelfart



The Secretariat moves to its current location in **Odense**

Operational Milestones

1996

1999

2004

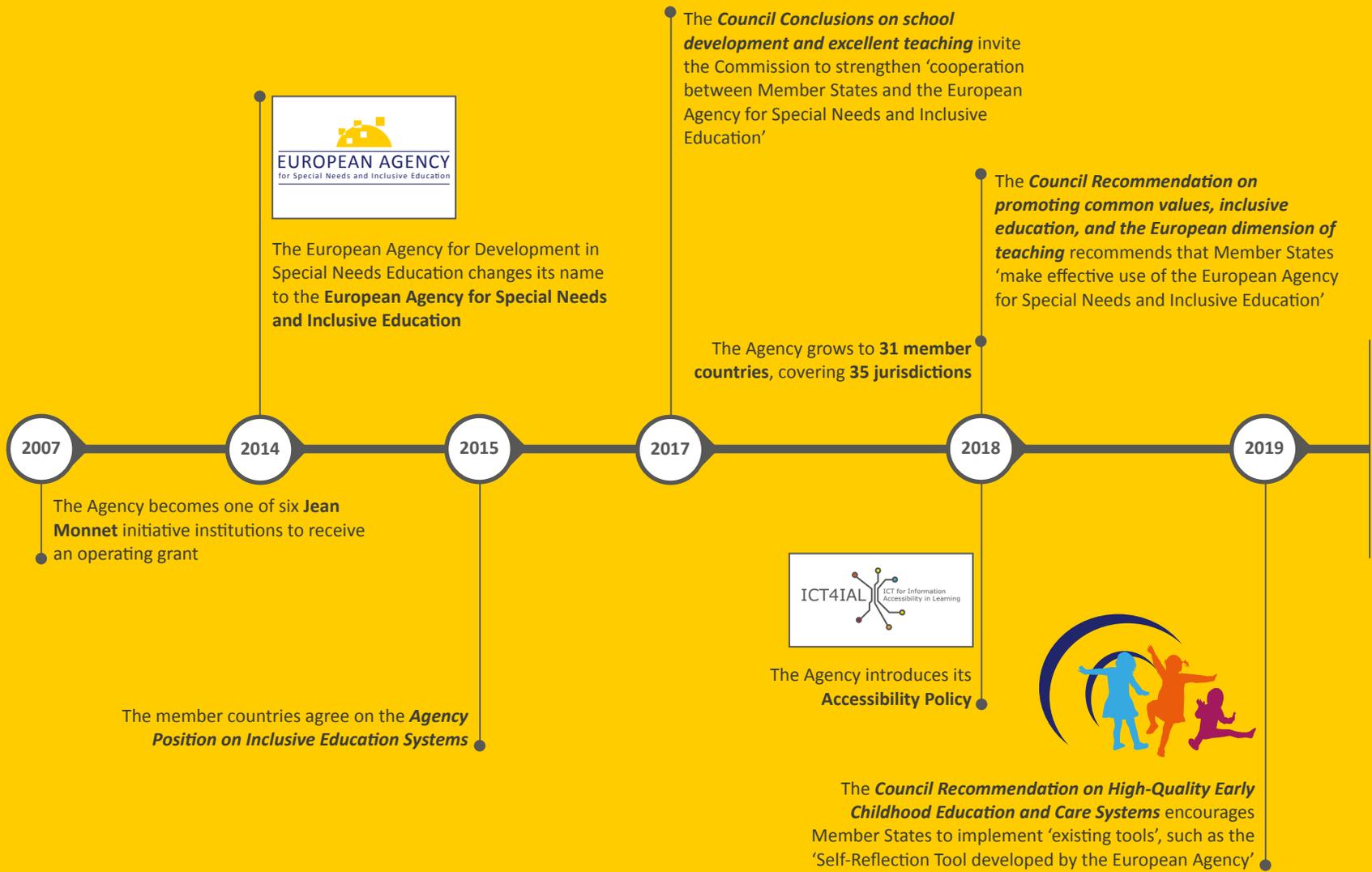
2006

Member countries take responsibility for the Agency, which is now established as a European organisation and a platform for member collaboration

A European Commission Decision provides recognition for the Agency and ensures the possible provision of an operating grant



The Agency opens a liaison office in Brussels with the ambition to tie in further with European Union-level policy



2007

The Agency becomes one of six **Jean Monnet** initiative institutions to receive an operating grant

2014



The European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education changes its name to the **European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education**

2015

The member countries agree on the **Agency Position on Inclusive Education Systems**

2017

The **Council Conclusions on school development and excellent teaching** invite the Commission to strengthen ‘cooperation between Member States and the European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education’

The Agency grows to **31 member countries**, covering **35 jurisdictions**

2018



The Agency introduces its **Accessibility Policy**

The **Council Recommendation on promoting common values, inclusive education, and the European dimension of teaching** recommends that Member States ‘make effective use of the European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education’



2019

The **Council Recommendation on High-Quality Early Childhood Education and Care Systems** encourages Member States to implement ‘existing tools’, such as the ‘Self-Reflection Tool developed by the European Agency’