# Interested in joining an international Cloud on Education for Sustainability?

Dear colleague,

In education, growing attention is being paid to education for sustainability. For example, the World Education Forum (2015) states that quality education also develops the skills, values and attitudes that enable citizens to respond to local and global challenges.

For educators, one of the questions is how to equip students to respond to challenges in the field of sustainable development. More and more initiatives in this field- such as Social Entrepreneurship Education or Education for Sustainable Development - are undertaken, and the amount of research in this area is increasing rapidly.

A network for practitioner researchers and practitioners in the field of education for sustainability would create the opportunity to join forces and to learn with and from each other. Furthermore, establishing such a network in an existing association for practitioner research on learning would draw the attention of other researchers and practitioners in the field of learning.

The European Association for Practitioner Research on Improving Learning (EAPRIL) is an association that promotes practice-based research on learning issues in the context of initial, formal, lifelong and organisational learning. Being member of EAPRIL is very inspiring, and attending the annual EAPRIL conferences contribute to thinking through practitioner research and presenting and discussing own activities and research. However, until recently, there was no EAPRIL Cloud (platform, special interest group) addressing education for sustainability.

We are very proud and glad to be able to tell you that since the beginning of May 2022, the EAPRIL board decided positive for establishing an EAPRIL Cloud 'Education for Sustainability' for networking and discussion among practitioners and practitioner researchers who are interested and specialized in education for sustainability.

#### A first draft of the Cloud's mission statement:

This cloud aims to be a platform for project leaders and practitioner-researchers who are interested in education and learning in the field of sustainable development. This networks addresses, among other things, projects and practice-based research related to Social Entrepreneurship Education, Education for Sustainable Development and the integration of SDGs in curricula.

Of course, this first draft will have to be sharpened within one of the first Cloud meetings.

As Cloud coordinators, I we invite you to join the Cloud if you are interested in education and learning in the field of education for sustainable development. Cloud membership is free of charge and no general EAPRIL membership is required. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact one of us.

Furthermore, if you decide to join the Cloud, it would be great if you are able to join the EAPRIL-conference (this year from 24-26 November, in Nijmegen, the Netherlands). At this conference the Cloud will be launched officially. More information and registration: <u>EAPRIL 2022 | EAPRIL</u>. More information about EAPRIL: <u>www.EAPRIL.org</u> More information about Clouds: <u>www.EAPRIL.org/clouds</u>.

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