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## **Statement**

School choice in society should be based on the freedom of individuals to choose from an educational perspective, in order for the young generations to shape their future.

The freedom of choice has to be founded on the educational perspective, and not be founded on social, economic or political perspectives. Only in this way society can truly serve the school and thus society can be empowered through education.

Freedom is by definition based on trust. The freedom of parental choice, the freedom to establish schools are corner stones of European values.

Furthermore, there can be no autonomy in education without accountability. Accountability thus becomes a safeguard against uncritical and hostile thinking on education.

Free choice in education for parents, but also for teachers, leads to better learning motivation, better results and because of that it is a long term investment in the economy and thus the society as a whole.

To reach this goal all over Europe, ECNAIS stands united.