Education stands at the forefront of policy agendas as children grow up in an increasingly complex and connected world. Educators and policymakers have a weighty responsibility. High-quality education forms the building blocks for economic prosperity and social wellbeing and creates the productive citizens of the future.

RAND Europe’s research in education helps inform the making of more effective educational policies, programmes and practices that are inclusive and equitable for all. Our aims are to deliver high-quality research and analysis, to inform the policy debate in education and, ultimately, to improve education systems worldwide.

RAND Europe’s research

RAND Europe’s interdisciplinary and international research examines the evidence behind how policies and practices can support learning, from building strong foundations in the early years to improving school effectiveness, ensuring that young people have the right skills in preparation for the future.
RAND Europe's methods

RAND Europe’s education research benefits from a wide range of multidisciplinary expertise and capabilities across the organisation and our large network of collaborators.

**Randomised controlled trials**
We have a growing portfolio of projects using rigorous experimental (randomised controlled trials) and quasi-experimental designs to evaluate complex education interventions.

**Literature reviews**
We conduct robust systematic reviews of evidence using the global resources available in the wider RAND Corporation’s professional library.

**Survey design and analysis**
We bring methodological expertise to design high-quality surveys and conduct complex analyses with large-scale administrative data.

**Policy analysis**
We are experienced in providing education policy advice based on the best international evidence available.

RAND Europe’s expertise

RAND Europe is well placed to conduct research and analysis in support of evidence-based policy and decision making across the education sector.

- **We are independent and objective.** As a not-for-profit research organisation, RAND Europe’s mission is to help improve policy and decision making through research and analysis. Our mission is underpinned by our core values of quality and objectivity, and our unwavering commitment to the highest level of integrity and ethical behaviour. All our research is quality assured and the documents we publish must pass an independent peer review.

- **Our collective knowledge of education-related issues extends locally, across Europe and beyond.** RAND Europe has an extensive body of work that tackles key concerns of policymakers in the education sector. We have worked with key organisations including UNICEF, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the European Commission, the UK Department for Education, the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), the Royal Society, the Higher Education Agency (HEA) and the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

- **We have strong networks across the education policy and research communities.** RAND Europe has well-established links with academia, think tanks and commercial organisations, and we frequently partner with other organisations and experts to provide the best support to our funders and clients.

- **We have a unique, multidisciplinary, contextual understanding of education.** RAND Europe’s research portfolio spans a wide range of disciplines and topic areas from employment, home affairs and social policy to well-being in the workplace, health, innovation and science. We are therefore able to situate education-specific research within the wider social context and to draw upon the subject content and methodological expertise of the wider RAND Europe team to bring innovative perspectives and approaches to education research.

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