

**The importance of  
European cooperation  
in talent development:  
ECHA and the European Talent  
Support Network**

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**Talent support  
50 years ago  
-- and today**



# Talent in 1966 = IQ

*Psychological Reports*, 1966, 19, 115-118.

## Teachers' Expectancies: Determinants Of Pupils' IQ Gains<sup>1</sup>

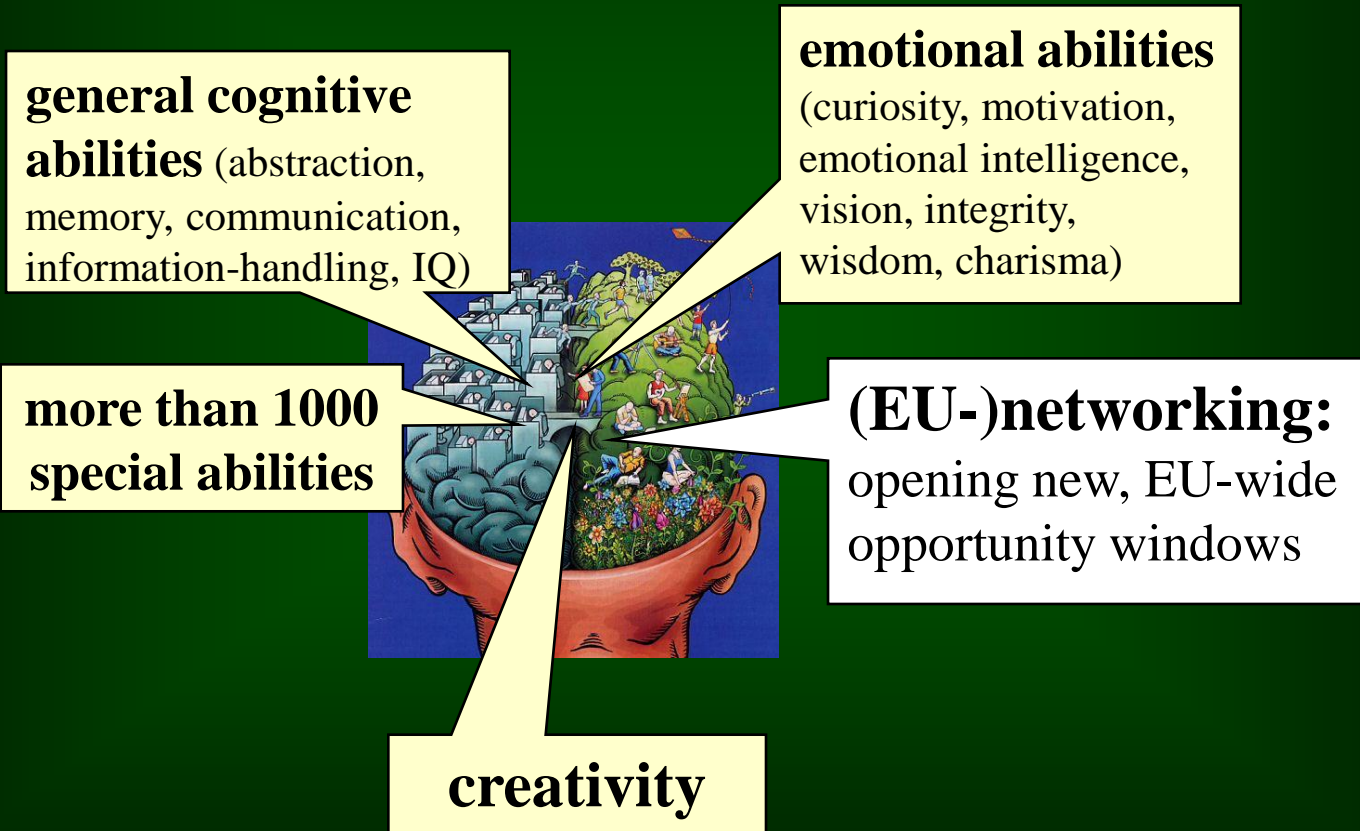
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*and*

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Summary — Within each of 18 classrooms, an average of 20% of the children were reported to classroom teachers as showing unusual potential for intellectual gains. Eight months later these “unusual” children (who had actually been selected at random) showed significantly greater gains in IQ than did the remaining children in the control group. These effects of teachers' expectancies operated primarily among the younger children.

# Talent in 2016 = an inclusive concept



# EU talent support networks 1: The European Council for High Ability



29 year old European NGO having >700 members: experts of gifted education

- ECHA Conferences
- High Ability Studies
- ECHA News
- web-site, Facebook group (~700 members)
- networking

Promoting talent support in Europe

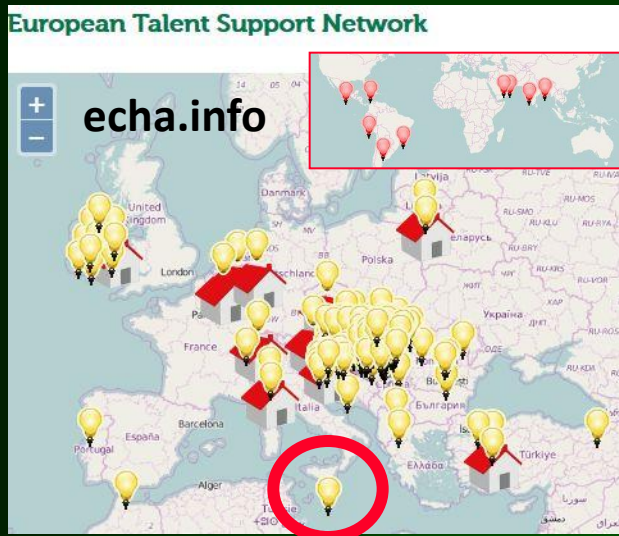
- applications of scientific results
- exchange of best practices
- education programme (ECHA diploma, MSc)
- European Talent Support Network

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# EU talent support networks 2: European Talent Support Network



informal  
personal  
reciprocal  
transparent  
consistent  
rational  
communicative  
enrichment  
openness  
cooperation

sharing  
and  
giving

**17 European Talent Centres (including LEAF from Slovakia) + Associated Centres from India and Peru**  
strict qualification process  
community service of network making (no hierarchy)  
**~300 Talent Points from 35 countries**



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# Talent support networks 3:

## European Talent Support Network – Actions

- sharing of best practices, organizing exchanges
- joint projects: e.g. funded Erasmus+ (e-course for teachers in gifted education); Creative Europe (artistic talents); Horizon2020 (STEM + entrepreneurship)
- European Talent Space, a 3D virtual reality social network
- Youth Platform (2016/17 European Youth Summit – curiosity, critical thinking, active citizens, social responsibility joint projects, integrity and wisdom)

**Armin Fabian, representative  
of the Youth Platform**



**The European Union has  
unprecedented challenges.**

**These challenges need  
unprecedentedly novel, creative solutions.**



**Talented people are  
the life insurance of Europe  
in the coming years.**