

## eucen 2017 Policy Talks in Brussels

Brussels, Tuesday 25 April 2017

### **Special Announcement**

United Nations having launched its Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 (SDGs). UNESCO and its Institute for Lifelong Learning have promoted the SDG dialogue with several actions in order to make lifelong learning (LLL) be recognised as a tool to support several goals of SDGs, especially Quality Education, to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote LLL opportunities for all.

In association with different distinguished European institutions and organisations being engaged in the development of LLL, **eucen** is organising a Policy Talks event on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 on the following topic:

#### **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - The Roles of University Lifelong Learning through Collaborative Dialogue**

This **eucen** 2017 Policy Talks will bring together experts, policy advisers, researchers and representatives of specific organisations and institutions from across Europe to address some key issues around LLL and quality education. **eucen** will generate discussion by connecting and reflecting its project<sup>1</sup> results into the discussion.

This Forum will address the following questions:

- How could universities respond to skill up development challenges faced by European countries? How can universities facilitate bridging and accessing higher levels of education and training?
- What could universities and stakeholders do to intensify university activities in lifelong and life-wide learning in order to improve employability and also social and civic integration?
- What are the roles for universities in developing and intensifying the “pleasure to learn” and proposing innovative methods for learning in diverse environments (at work, at home, volunteering posts, leisure, etc)

Through this event we want to lay ground for a **eucen** policy communication on Higher Education Institutions to support quality education through lifelong learning alongside SDGs.

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<sup>1</sup> COMMIT | Committing to the social dimension in universities <http://commit.eucen.eu>  
OBSERVAL-Net | European observatory of validation of non-formal and informal learning  
<http://www.observal-net.eu>  
EQUIPE Plus | European quality in individualised pathways in education Plus  
<http://www.eucen.eu/post/equipe-plus->

## Preliminary Programme |

- 08:45 Arrival and Registration
- 09:00 **Opening** | Françoise DE VIRON, President, **eucen**
- 09:20 **Inspiring note** | Daniele VIEIRA, Programme Specialist, UNESCO Institute for LLL
- 09:45 **Prospective views** | Barbara CARACCIOLO, SDG Watch Europe
- 10:15 **Reflections** in groups
- 11:00 **Open Discussion** in plenary
- 12:00 Conclusions
- 12:15 Closing

**Audience** | a maximum group of 25 participants expected from Civil Society (NGOs and associations from the Education sector) and European Policy Makers

**Date** | Tuesday, 25 April 2017

**Venue** | rue de l'Industrie 10, room Paulo Freire (Mundo-J), B-1000 Brussels (BE)

**Further information and registration** | [events@eucen.eu](mailto:events@eucen.eu)



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