

## eucen 2019 Policy Talks in Brussels

Brussels, Tuesday 23 May 2019

### **Special Announcement**

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Europe face a growing demand in Lifelong Learning (LLL) from individuals and their communities in order to formulate adequate responses both to societal and to economic challenges constrained by global environmental risks. Based on the messages of the United Nations Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), **eucen** will show during this year's event that University Lifelong Learning (ULLL) can serve a balanced policy focus and choice to support the life quality of communities, and the development of necessary skills to promote active citizenship and better employability.

**eucen** is calling its international stakeholders and collaborating organisations/institutions in the development of ULLL to discuss challenging issues that HEIs are facing towards 2030 during the **eucen** 2019 Policy Talks in Brussels 23 May 2019 on the following topic:

### **Learning to Live Together – the Contribution of University Lifelong Learning**

**eucen** will ask four keynote speakers to reflect on the above topic from three challenging scopes:

- Lifelong Learning: an integrated approach to sustainable development
- The role of University Lifelong Learning in the scope of eucen Policy Paper on SDGs
- Field of Implementation: the development of Lifelong Learning through global learning cities

Those challenging issues will be further discussed in plenary session in order to collect reflections, comments and proposals about how ULLL ought to be used to effectively react to such challenges.

### **Background of the Policy Talks:**

**The core concrete challenge to HE in the scope of ULLL is the realisation of Sustainable Development Goals** and, consequently, we aim at discussing its impact on the development of relevant policies and strategies in association with stakeholders. This focus is highly influenced by UNESCO Institute of LLL (UIL), but **eucen**'s own position on SDGs<sup>1</sup> is bridging ULLL with potential visions on growth, stability and community development. Source: <https://uil.unesco.org>

Another aspect of the **eucen** 2019 Policy Talks is to catch and to reflect to some overarching issues upon LLL which occur in the newly coming **Handbook for Lifelong Learning: Policy and Practice** to be published by UIL in the middle of this year. The UIL approach is strongly influencing policy dimensions of LLL for HEIs across Europe and beyond, therefore, it will be interesting to see how universities in Europe identify their main roles in this focus.

The above listed concerns are the framework to discuss the idea of **Learning to Live Together** in order to come to some relevant conclusions upon the promotion of LLL at universities across Europe.

<sup>1</sup> [https://eucenstudies.files.wordpress.com/2018/06/36\\_eucenppaper\\_uill-agenda2030sdsedited.pdf](https://eucenstudies.files.wordpress.com/2018/06/36_eucenppaper_uill-agenda2030sdsedited.pdf)

## Preliminary Programme | *Learning to Live Together – the Contribution of ULLL*

Chairman: Balazs NEMETH, University of Pecs (HU)

08:45 Arrival and Registration. Welcome coffee.

09:00 **Opening: The role of University Lifelong Learning in the scope of eucen's Position Paper on SDGs** | Françoise DE VIRON, President, **eucen**

09:30 **Lifelong Learning: An Integrated Approach to Sustainable Development** | David ATCHOARENA, Director, UNESCO Institute for LLL

10:00 **ULLL for Better Performance: VET-focus and Labour Market dimensions – eucen's ApprEnt project<sup>2</sup>** | Lucilia SANTOS, University of Aveiro (PT)

10:30 **Field of implementation: The development of LLL through Global Learning Cities** | Raul VALDES COTERA, Programme Officer, UNESCO Institute for LLL

11:00 **Open Discussion**

12.15 **Conclusions**

12:30 Closing

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

**Date** | Thursday, 23 May 2019

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

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<sup>2</sup> <https://appr.ent.eucen.eu/>