

# eucen 2020 Policy Talks in Brussels

Wednesday 09 September 2020

## Special Announcement

### *Roles and Responsibilities of HEIs in Lifelong Learning – policies and practice*

**eucen** focuses its 2020 Policy international dialogue to actual trends and impacts which may influence university lifelong learning and to underline the roles and responsibilities of HEIs in formulating and enhancing effective ways and forms of lifelong learning policies. **eucen** Policy Talks objective is to turn international dialogue into further commitments and actions upon influencing policies to raise quality and effectiveness in education and training from methodological concerns to professional developments, to enhance participation and partnerships in learning communities, cities and regions and to promote skills developments in accordance with both social and economic measures.

The **eucen**'s invited speakers this year will reflect upon the scope of specific issues that have been formulated by the communities they represent:

- *Mr. Raul Valdes-Cotera* – Senior Policy Expert/**UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning** to focus on the new **Handbook for Lifelong Learning: Policy and Practice**;
- *Ms. Brikena Xhomaqi* – Director/**Lifelong Learning Platform** to reflect upon the EU's concerns of bridging Lifelong Learning to Sustainable Development Goals and how the ET2030 framework will align with the Agenda 2030;
- *Ms. Thérèse Zhang Kai-Ying* – Deputy Director/**European University Association** to present EUA's view of Lifelong Learning policies and practice in European universities;
- *Ms. Raffaella Kihrer* – Head of Policy/**European Association for the Education of Adults** to provide a reflection upon LLL-policy grounds to underline decent roles of adult education organisations and institutions take to further partnership-based collaborations with LLL stakeholders, universities amongst them, so as to raise both participation and performance.

The **eucen** Policy Talks commit and support fundamental values and principles in university policy and practices, and strongly claim to include the views and positions of notable European/international organisations developing and/or researching lifelong learning with innovative and critical approaches.

**eucen** believes that a new, socially driven European needs the active participation of universities to successfully respond to the global challenges of sustainable development in the context of quality learning and education and, simultaneously, to support local and regional, national policies and relevant initiatives so as to reach for social stability and solidarity through collaborative actions of lifelong learning and social engagement, and, for economic advancement based on lifelong learning for technological advancement via innovation, research and development alliances, platforms and projects.

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## Preliminary Programme |

### *Roles and Responsibilities of HEIs in Lifelong Learning – policies and practice*

Moderator: Seamus O'TUAMA

09:45 Arrival and Registration. Welcome coffee.

10:00 **Opening: Roles and Responsibilities of HEIs in Lifelong Learning |**  
Balazs NEMETH, President, **eucen**

10:20 **Handbook for Lifelong Learning: Policy and Practice |**  
Raul VALDES-COTERA, Programme Officer, UNESCO Institute for LLL

10:40 **Lifelong Learning Policy and Practice at European HEIs |**  
Thérèse ZHANG KAI-YING, Deputy Director, EUA

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 **EU's concerns of bridging LLL to Sustainable Development Goals |**  
Brikena XHOMAQI, Director, LLL Platform

11:50 **Lifelong Learning policy grounds for Adult Learners in Europe |**  
Raffaella KIHREER, Head of Policy, EAEA

12:10 **Open Discussion**

13:15 **Conclusions**  
Seamus O'TUAMA, Director LLL Centre, University College Cork and **eucen**

13:30 Closing

**Audience |** a maximum group of 26 participants expected from Civil Society (NGOs and associations from the Education sector) and European Policy Makers

**Date |** Thursday, 09 September 2020

**Venue |** online event – the link to the meeting room will be sent to participants the week before

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

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