

eucen 2021 Policy Talks in Brussels

Tuesday 07 September 2021 | 10:00 to 13:30 CET

Special Announcement

Messages and Consequences of Recent Trends in University Lifelong Learning Across Europe to Policy Makers

eucen is turning the focus of its Policy Talks 2021 to impacts of trends in university lifelong learning having been identified by some recent surveys by international organisations to promote lifelong learning through higher education institutions, like UIL, IAU and EUA.

Major trends in university lifelong learning indicate a shift in quality concerns, methodologies used, structural changes in skills and competence development referring to micro credentials and other new formulas, together with collaborative formations of knowledge transfer in association with workplaces and other significant community-based activities of engaged lifelong learners through particular models of learning cities and regions.

eucen is strongly convinced that its Policy Talks provides a relevant platform to draw attention and to discuss the consequences of currently achieved studies and analytical work on the status, developments and innovative characters of university lifelong learning with its choices and limitations.

Our collaboration with UNESCO UIL, IAU and EUA enables us to offer our platform to help relevant professional partners collect and share ideas, formulate recommendations referring to the findings and available results of surveys and ongoing discourses upon the renewal of university lifelong learning in the context contents, structures and methodologies as part of the futures of education so as to respond effectively to challenges of sustainable communities.

Balázs Németh - **eucen** President - special welcome and introduction to the topic. Invited keynote speakers of the **eucen** Policy Talks 2021 and focuses of theirs:

- Hilligje VAN'T LAND. Secretary General, IAU. International Universities Bureau views on the results of UNESCO-survey on 'Universities' Contribution to Lifelong Learning';
- Nora LORENZ. Programme Specialist, UIL. UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning to address UIL's position on UNESCO's survey on ULLL;
- Françoise DE VIRON and Pat DAVIES. Experts in University LLL issues. To reflect on emerging issues and debates around university lifelong learning in Europe;
- Thérèse ZHANG KAI-YING. Deputy Director, EUA. To reflect on critical aspects of university lifelong learning across Europe;

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Roundtable-discussion on the Futures of University Lifelong Learning with the following experts moderated by Eva CENDON, Vice President of **eucen**:

- Chiara RIONDINO, DG EMPL, Head of Unit EMPL/B3, Vocational education and training. To bring into the discussion the European VET Policy perspective
- Katarina POPOVIC - Secretary General, ICAE (International Council for Adult Education). To bridge adult learning and education to LLL
- Alicia-Leonor SAULI-MIKLAVČIČ. Vice President, EURASHE. To argue for the interchange between WBL and Professional Higher Learning
- Séamus Ó TUAMA. Director of ASEM LLL HUB. To measure the role of HEIs in the formation of lifelong learning policies in between global and local

Q&A will follow some pre-set questions discussed referring to topic!

This event will enable participants and attending guests to respond to emerging issues around ULLL, but also to share ideas regarding sustainable development, equitable services, inclusion and inequalities, local and regional partnerships, smart-creative and learning cities for better eco-systems. Our intention is to demonstrate that **eucen** is a special hub for people engaged in university lifelong learning with clear goals of enhancing quality, participation and partnerships through lifelong learning.

In order to plan, organise and achieve a successful event, I recommend that the representatives of the following institutions and organisations to be invited to the **eucen** Policy Talks 2021 event in order to actively reflect to those above listed themes by generating a wide spectrum of discourse.

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

Date | Tuesday, 07 September 2021, starting at 09:30CET

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

Further information | events@eucen.eu

Registration | https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6dTJ6WLeJpA3xgva5hQ2OEIrNDJGAGoLeyhLCrZDjAz7oA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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Preliminary Programme

07 September 2021, starting at 09:30CET

- 09:15 Zoom room opens. Arrival and acceptance of participants.
- 09:30 **Opening: Messages and Consequences of Recent Trends in ULLL** | Balazs NEMETH, President, **eucen**
- 09:45 **Results of the global survey on “The contribution of HEIs to LLL”** | Nora LORENZ, Programme specialist, UNESCO Institute for LLL
- 10:00 **IAU perspective to the survey on “The contribution of HEIs to LLL”** | Hilligje VAN’T LAND – Secretary General, IAU
- 10:15 **A critical reflection on policy trends in LLL and practices at universities in Europe** | Thérèse ZHANG KAI-YING, Deputy Director, EUA
- 10:30 **Three important challenges for the regeneration of ULLL** | Françoise DE VIRON and Pat DAVIES
- 10:45 **Open Discussion**
- 11:20 *Coffee break*
- 11:30 **Round table: Futures of University Lifelong Learning** | Chair: Eva CENDON, Vice President, **eucen**
- Chiara RIONDINO, Head of Unit EMPL/B3, Vocational education and training
 - Katarina POPOVIC - Secretary General, ICAE
 - Alicia-Leonor SAULI-MIKLAVČIČ – Vice President, EURASHE
 - Séamus Ó TUAMA, Director of ASEM LLL HUB
- 12:10 **Open Discussion and Main Conclusions** | Chair: Eva CENDON, Vice President, **eucen**
- 13:00 **Closing** | Balazs NEMETH, President, **eucen**

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