FuturelabAE project (2018 - 2021) will provide adult education organisations, staff and trainers with knowledge, expertise and tools to become more innovative and change-oriented in their adult learning provision.

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- INFREP, France
- SVEB, Switzerland
- VHS, Austria
- EAEA, Belgium
- UEF, Finland
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- EPATV, Portugal
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FuturelabAE addresses democracy and digitalisation

Adult education supports societies and individuals to deal with democracy and digitalisation in Europe. There are an increasing number of citizens who are discontent with politics and start leaning towards xenophobic and populist parties or choosing not to vote. There is also a high number of people in Europe who need support with basic skills, especially digital skills, and are not able to benefit from digitalisation. FuturelabAE develops change-oriented practices to tackle both of these challenges.

What is change-oriented adult education?

change-oriented adult education helps to create new competences and practices which are a necessary condition for any change or development to take place. Change-oriented practices will have an extremely positive impact on learners and society as a whole.

FuturelabAE will develop:

- A collection and analysis of resources on change-oriented practice in the fields of digitalisation and democracy
- Two online courses on digitalisation/democracy and change-oriented adult education
- Two hands-on methodologies for change-oriented workshops on digitalisation and democracy
- Project conclusions and recommendations for policymakers
- Guidelines for adult education organisations and staff on how to work more proactively and in a more change-oriented way, to successfully reach out to and support people with digital and civic competences

The project will organise and host the following meetings and workshops:

- Workshop on Digitalisation and Adult Education in Helsinki, December 2019
- Workshop on Democracy and Adult Education in Dublin, December 2020
- Regional meeting in Central-Eastern Europe in Bratislava, April 2020
- Regional meeting in Southern Europe in Braga, March 2021
- A final conference in Brussels, June 2021