

Flash report

EAEA General Assembly and FuturelabAE Virtual Conference

DIGITALISATION & *democracy*



22 - 23 June 2021

Highlights

We have enjoyed two intense days of vibrant discussions, thought-provoking inputs and important decisions.

Have a look at the highlights of our General Assembly and FutureLabAE conference! Scroll down for inspiring quotes, summaries of your discussions, and next steps!

117 PARTICIPANTS
FROM 35
COUNTRIES

Thank you for your
active participation
in the events!



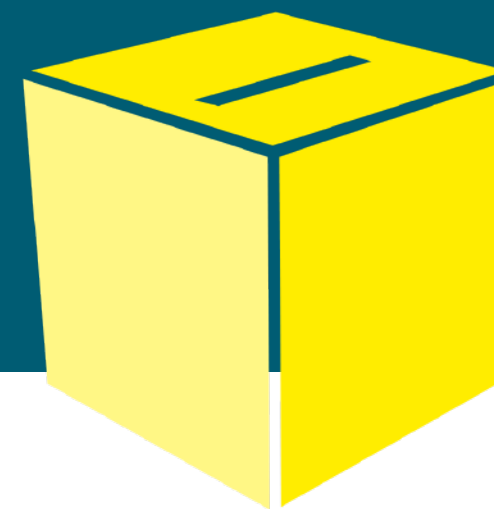
NEW MEMBERS APPROVED

We welcomed
new member
organisations
from Kosovo,
Hungary, and the
Republic of
North
Macedonia.



NEW EAEA BOARD AND PRESIDENT ELECTED

11 new Executive Board members
and President were voted in by the
General Assembly.



2 INPUTS AND 3 THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS ON EU AND GLOBAL POLICY

Interested in the new
global campaign or
the future of Europe?
Read on to see the
discussions
visualised!



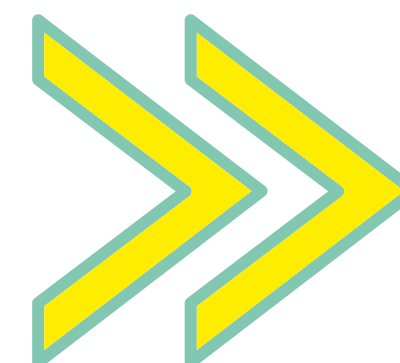
THOUGHT-PROVOKING REFLECTIONS ON ALE AND DEMOCRATIC LIFE IN TIMES OF CRISIS

What is the relationship
between equality, freedom
and democracy? FutureLabAE
keynote speaker Dr. Fergal
Finnegan provided food for
thought.



2 DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS ON CHANGE AND TRANSITION

In your own words:
there are reasons to
be optimistic about
the future! Scroll
down to see why.



INSPIRING STORIES AND COMMENTS SHARED BY YOU!

Most of you described
your organisations as
either "proactive" or
"change-oriented" - but
challenges such as digital
gaps, fear and bias still
persist. See more of your
reflections in the report!



we are



campaign: making history

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The "We Are Ale" campaign is making history. It's the first time that civil society organisations have created, accepted and are following through a global definition on adult education.

Robbie Guevara
ICAE President



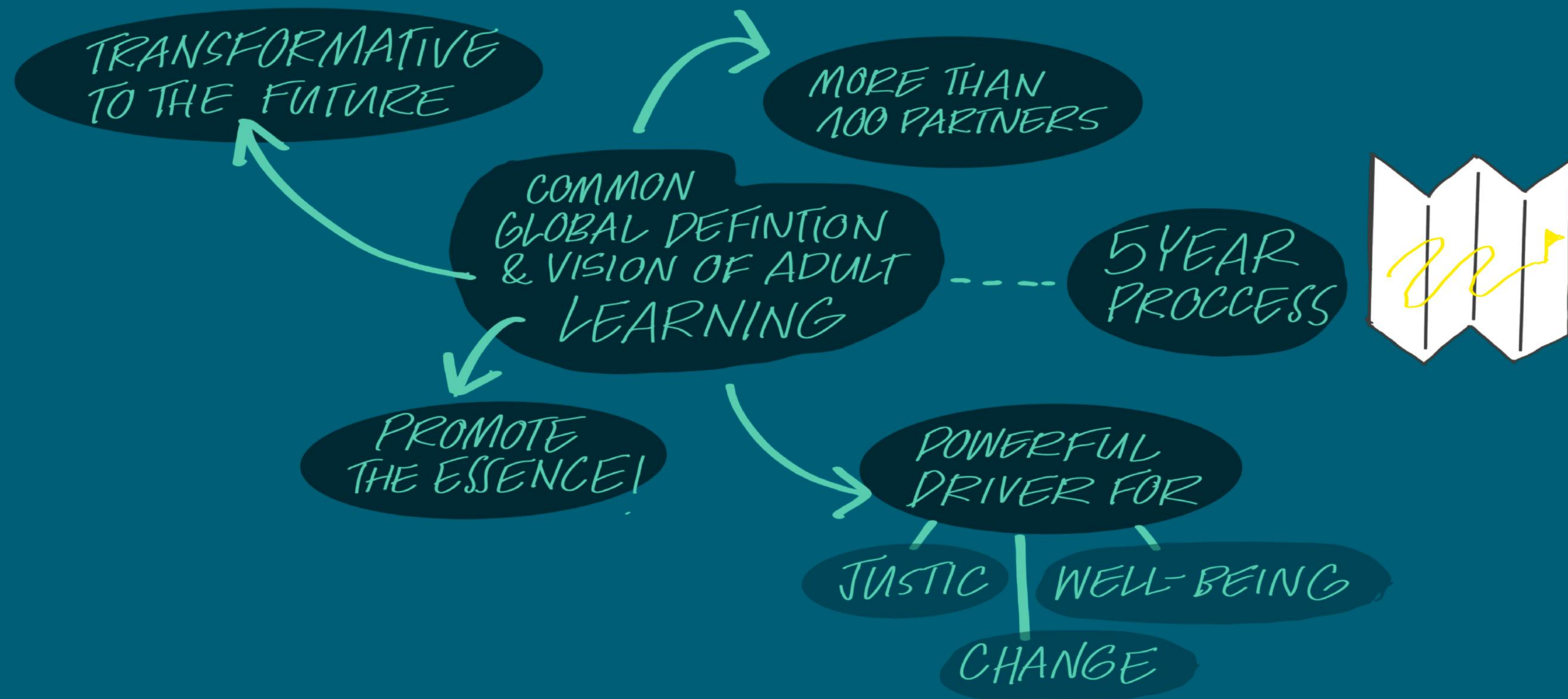
"we are ale" in a nutshell

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We are ale

NEW GLOBAL CAMPAIGN UNITES ALL ORGANISATIONS

J ROBERTO GUEVARA, ICAE PRESIDENT



New Board and President elected



Digitalisation, a sustainable lifestyle and economy, just societies and a vibrant democracy need more adult learning!

Uwe Gartenschlaeger
EAEA President



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LET'S DO
THIS!

THANKS!

CONGRATULATIONS

PRESIDENT Uwe GARTENSCHWAGER

GREAT
TEAM!

BOARD 2021

A new momentum for adult learning



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One outcome from Porto social summit was an ambitious jump forward for the numbers of adults engaging in learning every year. Covid has put a spotlight on issues we have had for a long time.

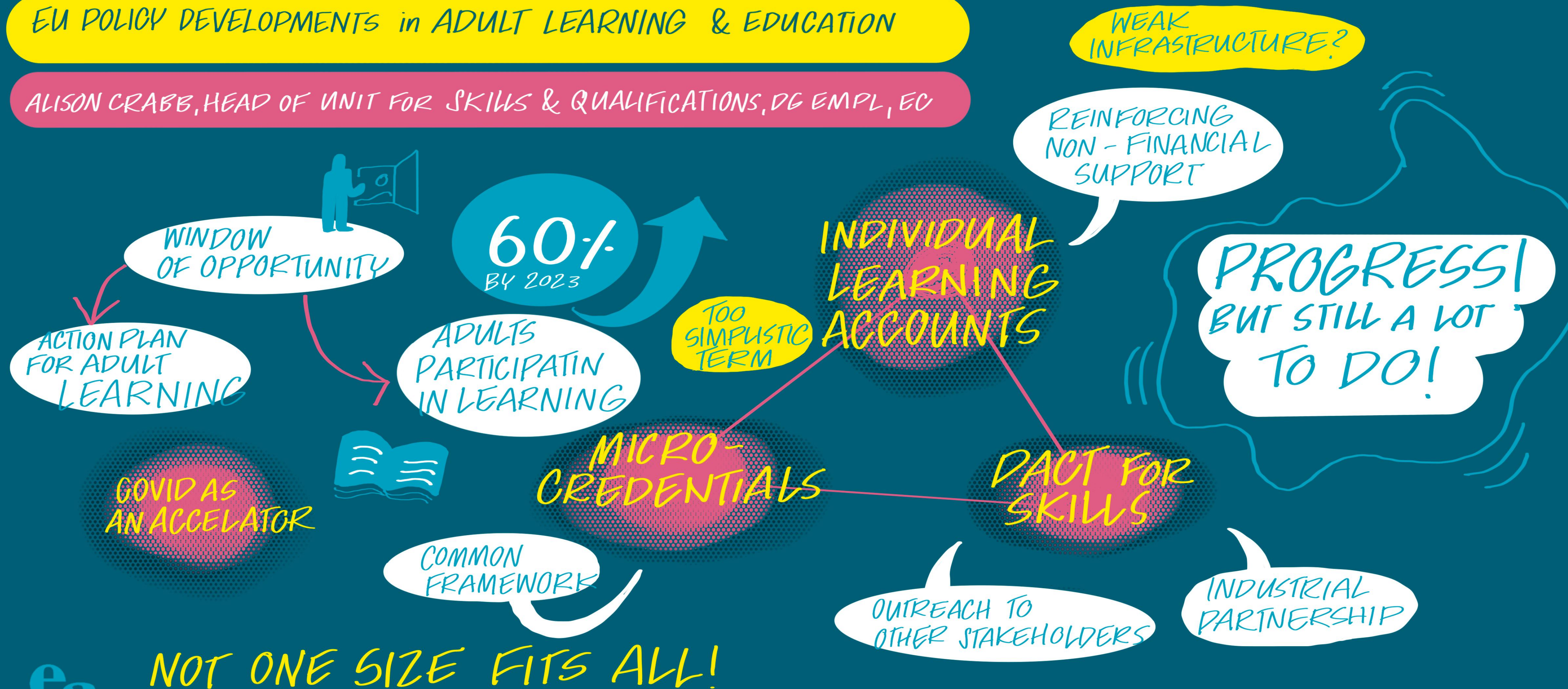
Alison Crabb,
Head of unit "Skills and Qualifications",
DG EMPL, European Commission

New EU initiatives mapped

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EU POLICY DEVELOPMENTS in ADULT LEARNING & EDUCATION

ALISON CRABB, HEAD OF UNIT FOR SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS, DG EMPL, EC



Thematic sessions: your reflections

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THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS

TOWARDS CONFITEA VII : BUILDING A EUROPEAN STRATEGY

KEY MESSAGES TO BRING FORWARD



NEXT STEPS

ASK UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING TO PROVIDE CONTACTS ON NATIONAL LEVEL

SHARE FEEDBACK WITH ICAE (GLOBAL SISTER ORGANISATION)

CONFERENCE OUTCOMES ARE ADOPTED BY UNESCO MEMBER STATES

CONTINUOUS REVIEW AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

OUR ROLE

- HOLD A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE TO RAISE **AWARENESS** OF CONFITEA & **MOBILIZE** MEMBERS

- DEVELOP **EVIDENCE-BASED** ARGUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF A HOLISTIC VIEW OF ALE & UNDERLYING BROADER BENEFITS

- CONNECT THE PROCESS TO THE **SDG's**



- USE THE **"WE ARE ALE"** CAMPAIGN TO **RAISE AWARENESS**

- FOLLOW UP ON THE UPCOMING **GRALE** WITH FOCUS ON **GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION**

- SUPPORTING MEMBERS IN REACHING OUT TO THEIR MINISTRIES CONTACT POINTS AT NATIONAL LEVEL

Thematic sessions: your reflections

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THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS

FUTURE OF EUROPE CONFERENCE: DEVELOPING A JOINT EAEA POSITION

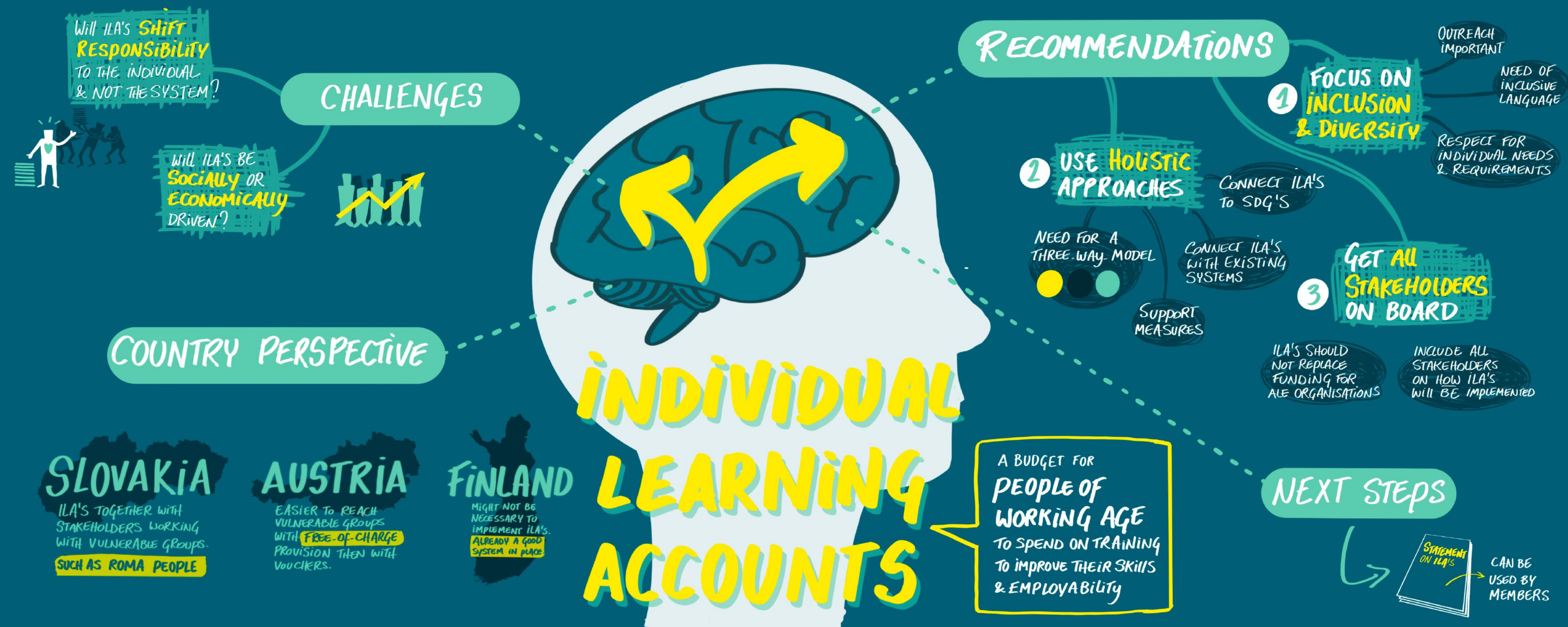


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THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING ACCOUNTS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Change-oriented adult learning and education for

DIGITALISATION & *democracy*

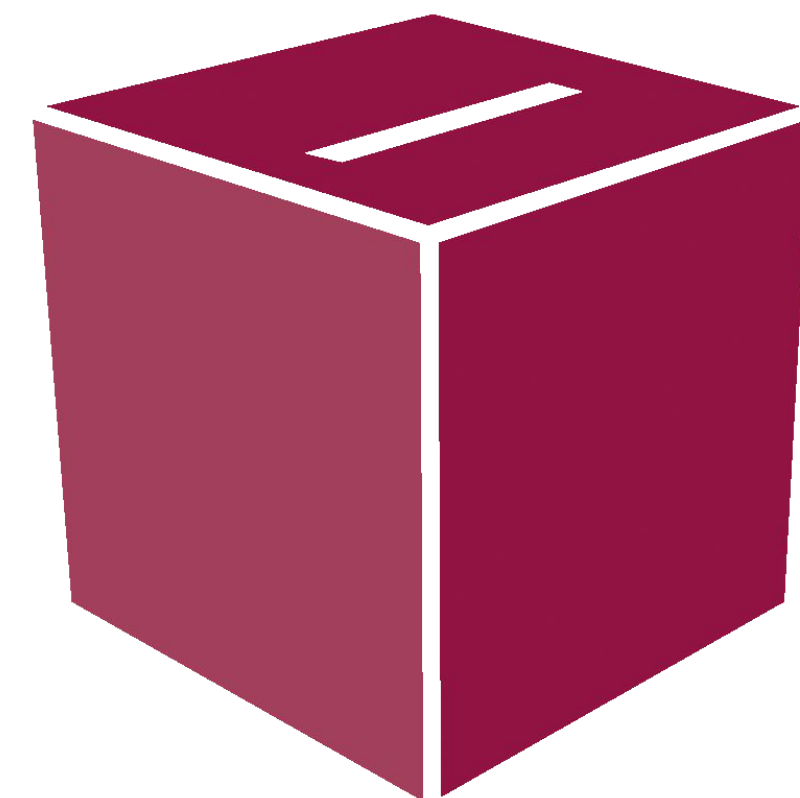
FuturelabAE final conference 23 June

Visit the FuturelabAE project webpage



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FuturelabAE
change oriented adult education



There are reasons for hope



There are always things happening under the radar, in really interesting ways. If you go to the back of the FuturelabAE document, that is a reminder that if we reach out into communities, beyond institutions, we find extraordinary capacities.

Dr Fergal Finnegan
National University of Ireland, Maynooth



In your own words...

Is there something you wish to highlight from the keynote speech?

How important it is to connect

Complexity as a key topic for ALE . And reasons for hope !

Living democracy depends on a minimum level of social fairness, ALE has to raise awerness for that

Long Revolution

social movements

Importance of values: equality, social freedom and democracy

Fantastic analysis of the democracy crisis we are seeing by focusing on the social roots of it, which is fundamental. Good emphasis to fight that feeling of hopelessness. There is work to do, there are resources to do it.

Link AE with social movements!

we are in deep trouble, but there is hope



Change-oriented education: never mainstream



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We're in a learning revolution!
Learning is not about acquiring skills and measuring outcomes, it's about safe spaces, open spaces and possibilities. Change-oriented adult education is where these spaces have to be created.

Thomas Fritz
VHS Wien

Massification of information: a revolution



Democracy is based on a premise of equality. The challenge is to change the culture of how we make sense of information: what we trust, how we understand our role in information processing.

Olivier Magnin
La Ligue de l'enseignement



In your own words...

Mentimeter

What are the challenges you and your members face while trying to offering a change-oriented provision?



Transformative, change-oriented learning works!



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We have a huge amount of evidence that change-oriented, transformative adult learning really works. We have to develop a policy that is truly inclusive.

Dr Niamh O'Reilly
AONTAS

Resources

New EAEA Executive Board elected: [media release](#)

Input of Robbie Guevara, ICAE: [slides](#)

[we are ale campaign page](#)

Input of Alison Crabb, DG EMPL: [slides](#)

Input of Bernhard Grämiger (thematic session on CONFINTEA VII): [slides](#)

Input of Sofie Doskarova (thematic session on ILAs): [slides](#)

[Recording of the FutureLabAE conference](#)

[The concept of change-oriented education explained](#)

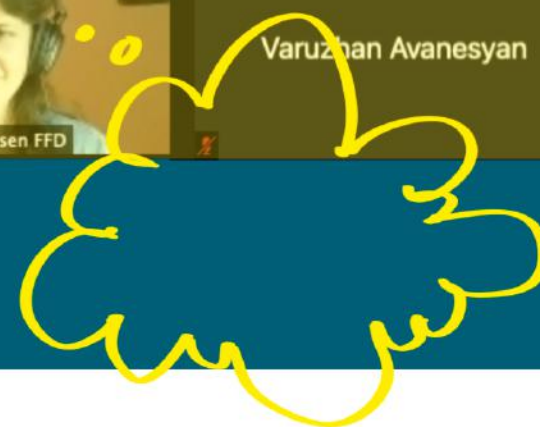
[FutureLabAE repository of practices](#)



Thank you for joining us!

I AGREE!

Hi, CAN YOU HEAR ME?



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