EAEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Learning to exercise democracy in a digital world

VIRTUAL
17-18 NOVEMBER 2021
Digital transformation is a reality and adults across Europe see an urgent need to adapt to new expectations. Spaces for learning and for exercising democracy have shifted to new environments. How does the rapid digital transformation affect our daily life as adult learning professionals and as citizens? Has it democratized access to knowledge, or has it left some of our learners behind?

During the EAEA Annual Conference we will have a conversation about building democracy in a digital world, and the role of adult learning in creating a human-first digital society.

The conference will take place virtually on 17-18 November at 10:00 - 1:00 pm CET. Registrations will be open until 16 November. Please register early if you would like to participate in workshops.
10:00 - 10:10 CET
Welcome words
Uwe Gartenschlaeger, EAEA President

10:10 - 10:50 CET
Professor Antonio Dias de Figueiredo, emeritus professor of Information Systems at the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Coimbra, Portugal, and senior researcher of its Center for Informatics and Systems (CISUC).

10:50 - 11:30 CET
Digitalisation as an opportunity to democratize knowledge and recognition of learning. Panel discussion. 
Alek Tarkowski, Open Future
Aleksandra Czetwertyńska, Centrum Cyfrowe, Poland
MIRVA project (speaker TBC)

11:30 - 11:45 CET
Away from the screen
11:45 - 12:00 CET  Presentation of the Context Paper on Digitalisation and Democracy - EAEA Working Group on Digitalisation. Angeliki Giannakopoulou, Dafni Kek, Greece

12:00 - 12:30 CET  Group discussions on key issues raised in the Context Paper on Digitalisation and Democracy

12:30 - 12:45 CET  Reporting from the group discussions in the plenary

12:45 - 13:00 CET  Closing words Uwe Gartenschlaeger, EAEA President
10:00 - 10:10 CET
Welcome words
Uwe Gartenschlaeger, EAEA President

10:10 - 10:45 CET
Grundtvig Award Ceremony with the participation of the winners of 2020 and 2021:
2020 Outreach and Access:
Citizens' University of Larissa
2021 Digitalisation and Democracy:
the GEMMA project and the DIGIT-AL project

10:45 - 11:00 CET
Away from the screen

11:00 - 12:15 CET
Parallel workshops
1. Competences for active citizenship and digital transformation.
2. Is there a right to an analogue life?
   Spaces for learning and citizenship outside of online environments.
3. Power dynamics in participation and exclusion in a virtual space.
4. Artificial Intelligence in adult learning:
   the way forward?
What is the role of adult learning in creating a human-first digital society? Fishbowl discussion facilitated by Gina Ebner, EAEA Secretary-General.

Sofie Doskarova, DG EMPL, European Commission

Sabine Lauwers, adult educator at LBC Volwassenenonderwijs, Belgium

Altheo Valentini, Board member of All Digital and EPALE ambassador for Italy

Closing words

Uwe Gartenschlaeger, EAEA President