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Learning to exercise democracy in a digital world

VIRTUAL

17-18 NOVEMBER 2021

IN A NUTSHELL

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.

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10:00 - 10:10
CET

Welcome words
Uwe Gartenschlaeger, EAEA President

10:10 - 10:50
CET

Building Democracy in a Digital World: a Conversation. Keynote.
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

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- 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

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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?

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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

12:45 - 13:00
CET

Closing words

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