

# What is “Bildung”?

## A new “Bildung” Agenda for Europe!

### March 22nd 2023, 10:30 – 16:00

Location: Haus der Begegnung Mariahilf 1060, Otto-Bauer-Gasse 7, Vienna, Austria

The Bildung project contributes to innovation of the European adult education sector by adopting the holistic concept of Bildung and exploring its political and practical potential for adult learning and education.

The multiple challenges and rapid changes in our societies in Europe demand us to rethink the role of education. While Lifelong Learning is widely accepted as the main concept, we have to rethink the role and concepts of Adult Learning and Education (ALE). This is essential if we want to equip citizens with the skills to make informed decisions and take transformative action in the world shaped by e.g. climate change, digitalisation and social divide.

The Bildung -project contributes to this re-thinking by making use of the concept of Bildung for conceptualising Adult Education. The concept, rooted in the tradition of the enlightenment and the Nordic Folkbildning envisages an education, targeting all aspects of development of individuals, communities and societies.

Eleven partners from all over Europe will explore the use of this concept for the ALE sector in the fields of digitalisation, sustainability, democracy and basic skills education.

The project offers:

- A conceptual framework and recommendation on how to widen Adult Education services and structures using the Bildung lens
- Good practices of projects from various regions in Europe already using the Bildung/Folkbildning approach
- Real and virtual spaces for exchange and peer learning

The Outputs of the project will be presented and discussed on March 22nd.

- Comprehensive context paper on the relevance of the Bildung -concept for developing the ALE sector
- Four best practice guidelines using the Bildung -concept for improving ALE activities on digital learning, democracy, sustainability and basic learning
- Bildung - Roadmap: Recommendations for European and national decision makers on how to develop ALE-systems further by using a Bildung -lens
- Video explaining the concept of Bildung

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AGENDA

10:30 – 11:00	Gathering, Welcome Coffee	
11:00 – 11:30	Opening words	Univ. Prof. Dr. Heinz Fischer (Former President of the Republic of Austria, President VÖV)
	Introduction to the day	John Evers (Secretary General, Association of Austrian Adult Education Centres)  Christin Cieslak (Head of Programmes, EAEA)
11:30 – 12:00	The Bildung Concept - Responding to the new Challenges	Uwe Gartenschlaeger (President of EAEA, Director DVV International)
12:00 – 12:45	Recommendations for Adult Education Policy out of the Project Discussion	Christin Cieslak (Head of Programmes, EAEA)
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 14:45	Panel Discussion: Current challenges and the concept of Bildung	Theresa Muigg (MEP, European Parliament)  Heidi Schrodt (Chair, Initiative BildungGrenzenlos)  Angeliki Giannakopoulou (Project Coordinator, EAEA)  John Evers (Secretary General, Association of Austrian Adult Education Centres)  Christian H. Stifter (Director, Austrian Folk High School Archive)
14:45-15:30	Break Out Sessions	
15:30 – 15:40	Coffee Break	
15:40 – 16:00	Reflections from the Project Bildung	
16:00 – 16:05	Closing words	John Evers (Secretary General, Association of Austrian Adult Education Centres)

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