

# MAKING THE CASE FOR ADULT LEARNING AND TWIN TRANSITION: FROM THE EU TO LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

5-7 MAY 20205 BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

MOBILITY GRANT FOR ADULT EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS









## What is the call about?

Adult education professionals affiliated with EAEA, ICAE and SVEB can receive a **travel and subsistence grant to participate in a training on advocacy for adult learning and twin transition** that will happen in Brussels, Belgium, 5-7 May 2025. The goal of the training is to equip professionals working in adult education institutions with inspiration, knowledge, tools and potential partners to advocate for the green and digital transition in their contexts.

## Why should I participate?

During a three-day training based on principles of co-design, participants will look at the possible roles of adult learning in the process of twin transition in their contexts, and will explore tools for advocacy.

The goals of the three-day training are to:

- Meet and get to know other key adult education institution experts working on the green and digital transition
- Exchange on examples of working with the twin transition in ALE settings across Europe
- Understand the green and twin transition as linked social phenomena with a profound impact on adult education professionals
- Develop their understanding of good practices in advocating for the twin transition in their institution in Brussels and international spheres
- Simulate dealing with challenges that professionals may face advocating in the field.
- Pilot the new ALE4TT Toolkit of Advocacy, providing their feedback
- Reflect upon the future of ALE facing the green and digital transitions.
- Develop concrete plans that can be used for advocacy in your country

# What is the agenda of the three-day training?

The training is split over **three full days with two site visits in Brussels.** Please note, the following is an indicative agenda and is subject to change, and we welcome your input.

## Day 1, Monday 5 May 2025, 10am - 5pm

- Introduction, welcome & presentation of the programme
- How will the twin transition impact your work on ALE? Discussion on the input videos and common ground on theory
- What should the future vision of ALE in the twin transition be?
- Study Visit: Site visit to the <u>BeCentral Campus</u> in the centre of Brussels, including the Orange Fabrication Lab and Fari Al Institute. BeCentral's mission is to close the digital gap and to help everyone become an actor of the digital revolution.

#### Day 2, Tuesday 6 May 2025, 9.30am - 5pm

- Open exchange: input from participants on their work and reflections from the study visit
- ALE advocacy for the twin transition: perspectives from the EU and challenges.
- World Cafe: Meet advocacy organisations working on ALE and green and digital advocacy at the EU and international levels
- Enhancing the learner's voice in TT advocacy: lessons learnt and practical workshops
- Building partnerships and mapping key stakeholders to make change in your local context: Theory and Practice

#### Day 3, Wednesday 7 May 2025, 9.30 - 5pm

- Scenario Workshop: Building your advocacy plans
- Testing the ALE4TT Advocacy Toolkit
- Exchange of group results and feedback
- Certificates and farewell

## Who is organising the training and how is it financed?

The training is organised by the <u>European Association</u> for the Education of Adults (EAEA) in collaboration with the <u>Swiss Federation for Adult Learning</u> and the <u>International Council for Adult Education</u>, and partly financed by <u>Movetia</u> within the framework of the <u>ALEATT project</u>. **No participation fee will apply.** The training is open to members of ICAE, EAEA and SVEB.

There are two ways your participation (accommodation, travel and food) in the training can be financed.

## OPTION 1 If you are a member of ICAE, EAEA or SVEB (from inside or outside Erasmus+ projects)

Participants under option 1 are able to receive financing that includes a **travel**, **accommodation and subsistence grant**, provided by ICAE, EAEA or SVEB.

The amount of the maximum travel grant depends on whether you are travelling within Europe or internationally:

- travel within Europe: up to CHF 500 per participant
- international travel: up to CHF 1300 per participant

Once enrolled, you will receive suggestions of affordable accommodation from the organisers.

Please note that you will be asked to make your arrangements upfront. Your costs (up to the limits listed above) will be reimbursed within one month from the training. To be reimbursed, you will be asked to submit a claim form listing your expenses and complementary documents (boarding passes, tickets, receipts etc.)

## OPTION 2 organisations that can access Erasmus+ KA1 funding

This course can be funded under an Erasmus+ KA1 mobility for organisations based outside of Belgium. Please contact your institution's mobility coordinator for more information.

# What are the selection criteria to be a participant?

Participants will be selected by EAEA, SVEB and ICAE according to the following criteria:

- 1) Membership with SVEB, EAEA or ICAE
- 2) Representing an umbrella organisation for ALE or an ALE provider with proven track record or interest in policy and advocacy
- 3) Holding a position in advocacy and / or policy (or strategic management / communication, if more applicable in the specific context)
- 4) Experience in the topic of digital and / or green transition
- 5) At least 5 years of experience in ALE
- 6) Fluency in English (at least B2)
- 7) Geographical diversity of selected participants (representation of different cantons in the case of Switzerland, and of different regions of Europe / the globe in the case of EAEA and ICAE).

## Additional criteria to be eligible for funding:

8) Being based outside of Europe or in a country not covered by the <u>Frasmus+ programme guide</u>. In Europe, countries that are eligible include Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Switzerland, Ukraine.

Based on the selection criteria, up to 4 participants from Europe, 3 international participants and 5 participants from Switzerland will be selected for funding. Additional 7 places will be available for participants who are self-funded / travelling with an Erasmus+ KA1 grant.

## How can I apply?

To apply, please complete <u>the application form</u> **until 28 February 2024.** 

# How will I prepare for on-site participation?

The training will be based on co-creation and will invite participants to share their expertise. To encourage active participation during onsite sessions in Brussels, three background information videos will be shared with you to watch in advance:

- Green Transition: Trends, Concepts and Contexts by Violeta Orlovic Lovren (30 minutes)
- Digital Transition in Adult Education (16 minutes)
- Advocacy Tools at the Global Level, Dr Katerina Popvic (30 minutes).

Moreover, selected participants will be invited to an **online preparatory meeting** on April 15, 11 CET. In this session, we will co-create the expectations for the training and go through logistics and any questions.

## I have a physical disability, dietary or other needs that I would like adjustment for, what can you do?

We are aware many people have special requirements in terms of physical, dietary or other needs. We have done our best to ensure the meeting places are physically accessible. Public transport will be taken between sites, usually the metro and bus. The language of instruction is in English and while we would have loved to be able to provide translators or interpreters, we are unable to due to budget constraints and so a good command of English is required. We also do our best to create an inclusive space and will co-create "solidarity" principles. Dietary requirements can be accommodated for when catering is provided. For most lunches, participants are free to where they eat. If you have any special requirement and would like to signal it to the organisers, please drop an email to charlotte.ede[at]eaea.org.

