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EU AND ADULT LEARNING - 30 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP IN POLICY AND PROGRAMMES

A celebratory event of Adult Learning in Europe!



Information Pack

Brussels, December 10, 16.30 - 19.00



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The European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) and GO! (Gemeenschapsonderwijs) are delighted to invite you to this high-profile celebration, which will mark three decades of adult learning and education (ALE) in EU policy and 25 years since the launch of the Grundtvig programme. With keynote speeches by Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Member of the Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Roxana Mantea, and Alan Smith, member of the team that created Erasmus and the first EU Coordinator of Grundtvig, we will initiate a discussion on the inspirations behind today's Erasmus+ programme and the role of adult learning in it. We will build a bridge between the last 30 years and the future, beyond the current programme.

The event will bring together policy-makers, educators, learners and stakeholders from across Europe to reflect on achievements, showcase innovations and impacts on adult learning, and look to the future of adult learning as a driver of inclusion, democracy and resilience in Europe. High-level European decision-makers and other key stakeholders will join this reflection to present current and upcoming initiatives and discuss the future of adult learning and education.

We sincerely thank MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP) and MEP Aodhan O'Riordain (S&D) for their endorsement of this event.

About the organisers



EAEA is a European NGO whose purpose is to link and represent European organisations directly involved in adult learning. Originally known as the European Bureau of Adult Education, EAEA was founded in 1953 by representatives from a number of European countries. EAEA promotes adult learning and access to and participation in non-formal adult education for all, particularly for groups currently under-represented.



GO! organises official education in the Dutch speaking part of Belgium. GO! provides education from nursery school, through compulsory school age through to adult education and including schools specialising in creative and performing arts and technical and professional education. GO! provides policy guidance, curriculum development and teacher training for its 700 schools / centres and for 35,500 members of staff serving 220,000 students in compulsory education and 109,000 in adult education. GO! schools are spread all over Flanders and the Brussels-Capital region.



Agenda

16:30: *Welcoming and opening remarks, by EAEA President Lauri Tuomi. Official Launch of the Country Reports.*

16:40: *“From Vision to Impact: what have we achieved in 30 years of ALE in the Commission?”, by Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Member of cabinet of Executive Vice-President Roxana Minzatu*

16:55: *“That important little ‘+’: The inspirations that led to the creation of the Erasmus programme and the role of adult learning in its subsequent development”, by Alan Smith*

17:20: Q&A

17:35: *Panel discussion: “What’s next for ALE policy in Europe?” with*

- *MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP)*
- *MEP Aodhan O’Riordain (S&D)*
- *Elisa Gambardella, President of Lifelong Learning Platform*
- *Diter Den Baes, General Director of GO! school group Xplora*
- *Gustav Fridolin (former Swedish Minister of Education, current EAEA Board member and adult educator)*

18:15: Q&A

18:25: *Closing remarks, by EAEA President Lauri Tuomi*

18:30: *Photo exhibition: ‘Voices of learners - what does the Erasmus+ programme mean to you as an adult learner?’, accompanied by drinks and nibbles*

19:30: *Close of the event*