



Organiser: EAEA, LLLP

When: 1 December, 15.00

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Concept

The Communication on a European Education Area, published in September 2020, will be a cornerstone of European education and lifelong learning policy for the period until 2025. In a holistic spirit of lifelong learning, the communication states that "Education is the foundation for personal fulfilment, employability, and active and responsible citizenship", referring also to the right to quality and inclusive education, training and lifelong learning proclaimed in the European Pillar of Social Rights.

However, are the six dimensions for a European Education Area sufficient to meet the needs of all areas of lifelong learning? What role will the EU and its Member States play in putting the education and training benchmarks set out in the Communication into practice? What role will education providers and other stakeholders play in giving shape to theory? How will the European Education Area reinforce other European strategies in education and training, especially the Skills Agenda and the proposal for the Council Recommendation on Vocational Education and Training? The discussion of the Lifelong Learning Interest Group will explore these questions together with representatives from the European institutions, social partners and civil society stakeholders.

Agenda

15.00 Welcome and introduction

MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen, Chair of the Interest Group on Lifelong Learning

15.20 Panel discussion

- MEP Radka Maxová, CULT Committee
- Janine Costa, Representative of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the EU
- Carlo Scatoli, Senior Expert on Skills and Qualifications, DG EMPL
- Gyula Cserey, Deputy Head of Unit Strategy and Investments, DG EAC (tbc)
- Tatjana Babrauskiene, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
- Oonagh Aitken, LLLP Steering Committee
 - Moderated by: Uwe Gartenschlaeger, EAEA President

16.00 Exchange of views with discussants

16.20 Closing