



# Investing in People and STEM

## Innovative Cross-disciplinary STE(A)M approaches to education

### CHOICE - FINAL CONFERENCE



AGENDA	
14:00-14:10	Welcome words - Monica Verzola, Vice-President, Lifelong Learning Platform
14:10-14:15	Project presentation - Irene Pizzo - CESIE, CHOICE project coordinator
14:15-14:20	STE(A)M in educational contexts - presentation of state-of-the-art-analysis results - Ester Maria Kalogeroudi, EUROTraining
14:20 -14:30	STE(A)M-based resources - development, MOOC and piloting, Denisa Gibovic, Blue Room Innovation S.L.
14:30 -1 5:00	Testimonies from students, teachers and role models from the Liceo Scientifico Statale Benedetto Croce (IT), Grammar School Nicosia (CY), and Regional Directorate of Education of Western Greece - Experimental Junior High School of Patras University, Lyceum of Andritsaina, Panagia Prousiotissa High School (EL), Institut de Maçanet de la Selva (ES)
15:00 -15:05	Impact on students' and teachers' attitude towards STE(A)M - Estel Guillaumes, Blue Room Innovation S.L.
15:35 -16:15	Interactive panel discussion with experts "Innovative approaches on the promotion and improvement of STE(A)M education at school" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Mcloughlin, European Economic and Social Committee   Youth Work Ireland</li> <li>• MEP Victor Negrescu, European Parliament</li> <li>• Leonie Bultynck, European Commission, DG EAC</li> <li>• Evita Tasiopoulou, Science Education Department, European Schoolnet</li> </ul>
16:15 -16:30	Q&A with the training participants
16:30 -16:35	Main takeaways for EU policy development - Jon Harding, Vice Chairman   Treasure, LLLP

Tuesday 29 November 2022 14:00 -17:30

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Room VMA3

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## Welcome words

**MONICA VERZOLA**

**VICE CHAIRMAN | LLLP**

Monica Verzola represents the European Vocational Training Association (EVTA) as one of the board members and she is International Development Business Director for ENAIP NET, an Italian VET provider.



## Panel moderator

**JON HARDING**

**VICE CHAIRMAN | LLLP**

Jon Harding currently works as the External Funding & Bid Manager for European projects at Bridgwater and Taunton College. He is the UK national representative in the EVET Steering Group Committee

## Panellists



**MICHAEL MCLOUGHLIN**

**EESC | YOUTH WORK IRELAND**

Michael Mc Loughlin is a member of the European Economic and Social Committee since 2015. Over the years he has worked extensively on youth policies as a rapporteur on the European Youth Guarantee, The New EU Youth Strategy, The European Solidarity Corps and The European Year of Youth. His day job is with Youth Work Ireland, where he is Head of Advocacy and Communications. Along with being a former Board member with the National Youth Council of Ireland, Michael was Chairperson of the ERASMUS+ National Agency in Ireland from 2012-2020.



**VICTOR NEGRESCU**

**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

MEP Victor Negrescu is a former delegated minister for European affairs (June 2017 – November 2018) and member of the European Parliament (July 2014 – June 2017, February 2020 – present). He is a strong believer that both Romanian and European authorities should pay special attention to the way in which the rights of European citizens in the United Kingdom are respected. He is currently the Vice-President of the Committee on Culture and Education, member of the Budget Committee, active in the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) of the European Parliament.



**LEONIE BULTYNCK**

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION, DG EAC**

Leonie Bultynck joined the European Commission in 2019 and is part of the core team dealing with the Digital Education Action Plan 2021-2027 in the Digital Education unit, European Commission Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC). She is in charge of the implementation of Action 13, dedicated to enhancing girls and women's participation in the STEM field. Leonie also supports the work on the dissemination of the Action Plan and the Network of National Advisory Services under the Digital Education Hub. Prior to joining the Commission, Leonie was involved with other international organisations, including the United Nations and Smithsonian Institution.



**EVITA TASIPOULOU**

**SCIENCE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, EUROPEAN SCHOOL NET**

Evita Tasiopoulou is a Project and Pedagogical Manager of Science projects in the Science Education Department of European Schoolnet, focusing on content management in EU projects. She is interested in STEM education pedagogical trends and curricula development and is involved in projects linked to School Pilot activities, Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) national projects and innovative pedagogical approaches. Her current work focuses on SRSP Flanders (development of an induction framework of beginning teachers), STE(A)M IT (a conceptual framework of reference for integrated STEM education) and the SEER (an Atlas of Roadmaps to improve STE(A)M Education).