

*Capacity Building for Lifelong Learning Programme*

# International Conference



Capacity Building for Lifelong Learning promotes local and institutional development strategies based on innovative methodologies focused on the exploitation of successful initiatives and tools developed at European level within the framework of the Lifelong Learning Programme.

The conference provides decision makers, local development agencies and professionals with the opportunity to meet each other, discuss around existing challenges, strategies and solutions adopted.

The conference is focused around key policy areas, which are analysed from different perspectives and by multi level actors:

- **Skills shortages:** despite high unemployment rates in many European countries, over 2M job vacancies remain unmatched. How the regions with high development rates are coping with this challenge?
- **Early school leaving and NEETs:** over 14M European youngsters between 15 and 24 are not in employment nor in education and training. How are member states implementing Youth Guarantee, providing quality employment or education opportunities within 4 months of inactivity?
- **Innovation in education:** the business world is shaped by constant and ever increasing technological change. How are the educational systems equipped to provide the right skills needed today and tomorrow by employers?

- **Local development within macro-regions:** defined geographical areas embracing both Member States and third countries are facing common challenges. How can cooperation be strengthened to facilitate the achievement of economic development and social cohesion?

The conference promotes synergies and exchange of experiences among capacity builders, professionals and decision makers around these key policy areas, ensuring tangible benefits in terms of:

- Benchmarking successful initiatives and support to strategic planning for **decision makers**
- Sharing resources, methodologies, tools and solutions for **practitioners**

The conference promotes capacity building and the adoption of Lifelong Learning Programme projects and results into social and economic development strategies at different and complementary dimensions:

**1 - Individuals**

**2 - Organizations**

**3 - Legal framework**

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**18 September 2014**

*Venue: President Hotel, 43 Kifissias Avenue, 115 23, Athens*

08.00 – 09.00	Registration of participants Capacity Building Exhibition
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome by Capacity Building Consortium and Athens City Major
09.15 – 09.35	Ministry Of National Education And Religious Affairs (*) <i>Development strategies in education in Greece</i>
09.35 – 09.55	European Training Foundation, Anastasia Fetsi <i>Expertise development in neighboring countries</i>
09.55 – 10.15	Jaguar Land Rover, Rita Davey <i>Facing skill shortages in the automotive industry</i>
10.15 – 10.35	GIZ, Michaela Baur <i>The integrated employment approach – experiences and lessons learnt</i>
10.35 – 10.55	Kyrgyz National University, Karybek Baibosunov <i>New educational inheritance in the free society</i>
10.55 – 11.15	Greek National Agency for Erasmus+, Dimitrios Maragos <i>Hellenic best practice of capacity building in the framework of LLP</i>
11.15 – 11.45	Coffee break & networking exercise
11.45 – 13.00	<i>Parallel Workshops</i> First Round
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.15	<i>Parallel Workshops</i> Second Round
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee break & networking exercise

15.45 – 16.45	<p>Panel discussion among decision makers and practitioners</p> <p><b>Facilitator: ABUplus, Eva-Maria Henckel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>(BA) Ministry of Education and Science of Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina</b> Leila Kovačević-Dizdarević, Advisor to the Minister <i>Lifelong learning strategies for local development</i></li> <li>• <b>(EL) Federation of Hellenic Associations of Young Entrepreneurs</b> Andreas Stefanidis, President <i>Promoting entrepreneurship in times of crisis</i></li> <li>• <b>(TK) ISMEK Istanbul Municipality Vocational Technical College</b> Kerem Koker, Director <i>Internationalization of education and tertiary VET</i></li> <li>• <b>(SV) Swedish Public Employment Service</b> Ida Rönnblom, Project manager <i>Tackling exclusion and unemployment for NEETs</i></li> <li>• <b>(DK) Regional Authority of Central Denmark</b> Pia Fabrin, Vice Head of Unit, Growth Forum <i>Smart specialisation strategies for capacity building</i></li> </ul>
16.45 – 17.10	<p>Lifelong Learning Programme resources for Capacity Building Capacity Building Market Place: ideas from the audience</p>
17.10 – 17.30	<p>Recommendations from Workshops</p>
17.30 – 17.40	<p>SOS Network Opening Ceremony</p>
17.40 – 17.50	<p>Capacity Building Ambassadors Award Ceremony</p>
17.50 – 18.00	<p>Conference Conclusions</p>
20.00	<p>Social dinner</p>

## **Workshops**

### ***Skills shortages***

*“How to cope with skills shortages and skills mismatch?”*

*Thematic Commission: Unemployment  
Moderators: Asset Tech, SVAP  
Case study: ESF and Youth Guarantee*

### ***NEETs and Youth Guarantee***

*“How to ensure effectiveness of Youth Guarantee measures and strategies?”*

*Thematic Commission: Early School Leaving and Skills Mismatch  
Moderators: Central Denmark, EJVET, Lapland Gymnasium  
Case study: SOS Network Portal, Henrik Dethlefsen, Jordbrugets UddannelsesCenter Århus  
The Plug In project, Gunnar Anderzon, SALAR*

### ***Innovation in education***

*“How to embed technological innovation processes in education?”*

*Thematic Commission: Mobility  
Moderators: CSCS, EUCIS LLL, CBE  
Case study: TKNIKA*

### ***Macro-Regional development***

*“How to strengthen cooperation to achieve economic development and social cohesion?”*

*Thematic Commission: Entrepreneurship  
Moderators: University of Sarajevo, European Minds  
Case study: Baltic Sea Strategy and Adriatic Ionian Macro Region*