

DIGIT EDU 2023 Conference in Brussels

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Final Agenda

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<p>18 October 2023, 09:30 – 16:00 CET</p> <p>Venue: Martin's Brussels EU Hotel</p> <p>Bd. Charlemagne 80, 1000 Brussels, Belgium</p>	
09:30- 10:00	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks with reference to the Future of Digital Education</p> <p>Gianluca Coppola, President of the European Digital Learning Network ETS</p>
10:00- 11:00	<p>Panel session 1: “Formal education and digitalisation; key aspects and drivers towards achieving digital readiness and capacity within educational institutions”</p> <p>Chrystalla Petridou, Policy Officer at DG EAC - Digital Education · European Commission;</p> <p>Prof. Jelena Titko, Vice Rector for Science at University of Applied Sciences – Latvia;</p> <p>Andrei Frank, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator at the Lifelong Learning Platform – Belgium;</p> <p>Panagiotis Chatzimichail, External Affairs Manager at the Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU);</p> <p>Anestis Papadopoulos, School principal and teacher at Platon Schools – Greece;</p> <p>Jan De Craemer, Belgian Education Ministry representative - Belgium</p>
11:00- 11:30	<p>Coffee Break and networking</p>
11:30-12:00	<p>Panel session 2: “Perspectives on Future trends in European Education area. An open discussion with a focus on the role of Artificial Intelligence: which opportunities Vs. challenges?”</p> <p>Alain Thillay, Policy Officer - DG-EAC-C4 Digital Education Unit - European Commission;</p> <p>Anestis Papadopoulos, School principal and teacher at Platon Schools – Greece;</p> <p>Filipe de Castro Soeiro, President of the XU Exponential University of Applied Sciences, Germany;</p>

	<p>Dr. Jovan Ivković; PhD at Information Technology School– LINK Group center – Serbia; Prof. Jelena Titko, Vice Rector for Science at University of Applied Sciences – Latvia;</p>
12:00-12:30	<p>Panel session 3: “Supporting teachers and education leaders: Guided presentation of SELFIE FOR TEACHERS tool for favouring digitalised pedagogy”. Reinier VAN DER WEELE, Policy Assistant - DG EAC Unit C4 (Digital Education)</p>
12 :30- 14 :00	<p>Lunch break: buffet lunch and networking</p>
14 :00- 14 :30	<p>Workshop on Panel 1: Contribution and active brainstorming Cooperative discussion about the session and share of ideas and inputs from attendees Moderator: DLEARN’S STAFF</p>
14 :30- 15 :00	<p>Workshop on Panel 2: Contribution and active brainstorming Cooperative discussion about the session and share of ideas and inputs from attendees Moderator: DLEARN’S STAFF</p>
15:00- 15:30	<p>Workshop on Panel 3: Contribution and active brainstorming Cooperative discussion about the session and share of ideas and inputs from attendees Moderator: DLEARN’S STAFF</p>
15 :30- 15 :45	<p>Wrap up: Main messages and lessons learnt from the 3 Panel sessions 1 rapporteur per session, tbc</p>
15:45- 16:00	<p>Closing remarks Gianluca Coppola, President of European Digital Learning Network ETS</p>

Our speakers and panellists for Panel session 1:

Gianluca Coppola, President of European Digital Learning Network ETS:

Gianluca is the founder and the president of the European Digital Learning Network ETS. He is an entrepreneur, partner and general manager at Falco&Associati Education (previously Eurocrea Merchant), expert in education and training policies, funds and actions at European level. As Chartered Accountant and chartered auditor, he has gained a wide experience in innovation and entrepreneurship as well as in the Knowledge triangle integration experience, in particular promoting research-academia-business cooperation.

Alain Thillay, Policy Officer, DG-EAC-C4 Digital Education Unit - European Commission: He is a Policy officer at the Education and Culture Directorate of the European Commission - Digital Education Unit in charge of the Digital Education Action Plan 2021-2027 in particular. Alain serves as a national expert seconded by the Ministry of Education - France for an initial two-year secondment after having held the position of head of the “digital innovation and applied research” office between 2019 and 2021 and that of head of the department of development and dissemination of digital resources since 2011 at the Digital Department for Education (Ministry of Education - France).

Anestis Papadopoulos, Director at Platon Schools in Katerini, Greece: Anestis works as Director of a modern school in northern Greece and as Chief Strategic Officer at Pi-tech which is an Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) service provider and software developer company. Anestis has previous experience in teaching physics for 20 years and has always been passionate about education and didactic projects engaging schools and pupils.

Andrei Frank, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator at the Life Long Learning Platform (LLL), Brussels, Belgium : Andrei has been the Policy and Advocacy Coordinator at the Lifelong Learning Platform for over one year. In his capacity, he is responsible for liaising the work that LLLP does on all policy priorities from its Advocacy Strategy with the specific advocacy actions performed by the network. He more closely follows up policy developments related to investment in lifelong learning, digital competences, lifelong learning policy coherence across the large scale EU strategies and life skills development. Prior to joining LLLP, Andrei worked as an Education and Lifelong Learning Officer at SOLIDAR Foundation, a member of LLLP, where he focused specifically on global citizenship education, digital citizenship education, values-based education, among other topics. Before the 3-year period at SOLIDAR, Andrei worked for a short period with the European Trade Union Committee for Education, representing the interests of the teaching profession at EU level. He holds a MA degree in European Studies, with a specialization in European Policy, from the University of Amsterdam and a BA in Politics and Philosophy from the University of Sheffield.

Filipe de Castro Soeiro, President of XU Exponential University of Applied Sciences, Berlin, Germany: Prof. Dr. Filipe Castro Soeiro is a senior international multidisciplinary academic, administrator with 25+ years of experience in growth and innovation strategies who is market driven and oriented to disruptive and sustainable societal change impacts. His applied research studies intersect digital technologies, economic and education policy making and innovation management. He is innovator, entrepreneur, professor and researcher with deep understanding of for-profit and non-profit higher education, education technology and executive training.

Dr. Jovan Ivković; PhD at Information Technology School, Belgrade, Serbia: Jovan earned his BA, MA and PhD from the Mihajlo Pupin Technical Faculty in Novi Sad. In 2016 he obtained his PhD in technical sciences (information systems) with a thesis entitled *Methods and Procedures for Accelerating Operations and Queries in Big Data Systems*. He has over twenty years of work experience in IT. Since 2010, he has coordinated the implementation of eight IT projects at the ministries of Education, Health, Telecommunications and Information Systems. He is the author of numerous science papers published and presented at national and international conferences.

Our speakers and panellists for Panel session 2:

Chrystalla Petridou, Policy Officer at Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sports and Culture (DG EAC) - Unit Digital Education; European Commission: Chrystalla is a policy officer working on Digital Education policy files. Prior to her experience within the European Commission, she worked at the International and European Affairs Office at the Ministry of Education and Culture in Cyprus, and as policy officer and advisor in the field of Audiovisual during the Cypriot presidency of the Council of the EU.

Prof. Jelena Tikto, Vice Rector for Science at the EKA University of Applied Sciences, Riga, Latvia: Jelena has been working in academia since 2008 as a lecturer, researcher, project manager, administrator, and event coordinator. Jelena is also a part time Researcher at the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences and since July 2023 she has been appointed Deputy Chairperson of the Board Association of Latvian economists.

Panagiotis Chatzimichail, External Affairs Manager the Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU): Panagiotis, also known as Pete, is from Cyprus and lives in Belgium. He holds a Political Sciences degree (Bachelor/Master) and he has been active in the field of advocacy linked to education and youth policy since 2010. Panagiotis is currently the External Affairs Manager at the Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions, while also a member of the Pool of Experts of Lifelong Learning Platform and educator (senior trainer) and facilitator of NFE-based activities.

Jan De Craemer, Stakeholder Manager at Kenniscentrum Digispron, Brussels, Belgium: Jan is responsible for co-ordinating the ICT in education and Media Literacy Policy in Belgium since 1998. Major task is ICT policy development. Further responsibilities are running major ICT initiatives such as the ICT-infrastructure programme, the Flemish regional expertise network for in-service training, digital content policies, running awareness rising campaigns about safe ICT use, learning resources, open source software for schools, etc. Digital content & multimedia, educational software and serious games Media Literacy Policy, E-learning and ICT integration strategies as well as Inclusive technology and digital divide policies are all specialities of Jan's career.

Our speakers and panellists for Panel session 3:

Reinier van der Weele, Policy Assistant at DG EAC Unit C4 (Digital Education), European Commission:

Reinier van der Weele is currently part of the Digital Education Ecosystem and Evidence team at the Directorate General for Education, Youth, Culture and Sport (DG EAC) of the European Commission, leading on the SELFIE tool and supporting the implementation the Digital Education Action Plan (2021-2027).

Our moderator:

Viviana Mazzaggio, Project Manager at European Digital Learning Network ETS:

Viviana Mazzaggio holds a bachelor's degree in international science and European Institutions from the University of Milan. She has a Diploma in European Affairs from ISPI School and a Master in European Project Management from the International University of Venice. She had worked in the Education field and she counts on several work experiences with children, young adults and seniors: she has been teaching English language and she is very active on European project management and grants writing. She works as project manager at Falco&Associati and European Digital Learning Network ETS in Milan, Italy.