

Call for speakers

The National Agency Education for Europe is looking for speakers for a conference on October 4th-5th in Potsdam/ Germany. The speakers shall present different **scenarios for the future of Europe** (based on the NECE video "[Europe 2030](#)") and discuss the **potential implications for citizenship education** in the adult- and vocational education sector.

Background

On behalf of the European Commission and the Federal Ministry for Education and Research, the [National Agency Education for Europe](#) at the Federal Institute for Education and Training implements the Erasmus+ programme in Germany in the sectors of adult education and vocational education. **The annual conference** in Berlin on October 4th-5th brings together up to 500 Erasmus +beneficiaries as well as stakeholders from adult education and vocational education and training. The participants will discuss the frame topic "**the future of education – education in the future**" in five workshops (max 100 pax per workshop).

One of the **workshops** will be dedicated to **citizenship education**, which is one of the priorities of the Erasmus+ programme. The workshop targets representatives of adult education organisations and institutions of vocational education and training who are implementing (or are planning to organise) citizenship education projects. The **objective** of the workshop is to exchange good practices and to explore future demands for citizenship education in Europe.

Tasks

We would like to invite one or more experts from the NECE network who can

- present different scenarios for the future of Europe;
- discuss potential implications for citizenship education with the audience;
- publish a blog post on the E-Platform for Adult Learning in Europe ([EPALE](#)) in beforehand.

Concept of the session

1,5h are foreseen for the input and the discussion on future scenarios. Several **formats** are possible:

- One expert from the NECE network presents several future scenarios, followed by a panel discussion with experts from other organisations; or
- Two or more NECE experts present one scenario each and engage in a debate with each other.

The session should be as interactive as possible (within the limits of a large group). The audience can be involved through:

- voting on the most likely scenario;
- questions and reactions from the audience;
- practical examples presented by organisers of citizenship education projects.

The *scenarios* can be the same as in the video “Europe 2030”, or they can be adapted according to recent developments. We invite the speakers to set a special focus on:

- scenarios of “top down” vs. “bottom up” politics and potential new forms of civic participation in Europe;
- future topics which might become relevant in Europe and which should be tackled on a transnational level in civic education;
- How can the adult education and vocational education sector react to the future needs?

Practical information

- The workshop on citizenship education will take place on October 4th 2016, 2 p.m. till 7 p.m., whereas 1,5 hours are foreseen for the session on future scenarios.
- The speakers are welcome to take part in the whole conference, which will take place in [Kogresshotel Potsdam](#) from October 4th, 11 a.m. till October 5th, 11 a.m.
- The working language of the conference is German. The speakers can give their input in English, since all the participants are active on a European level and should be familiar with English.
- **The National Agency Education for Europe will cover the speakers’ travel and accommodation costs .**

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