

CIVICA Conference on Innovation in Higher Education – 29th of May 2026 –

Expoziției 30 A, Bucharest (SNSPA main building) and
online (<https://snspa.webex.com/meet/sala.cinci>)

Morning session | 10:00 – 13:00 EEST, local time
Sala Multifuncțională (ground floor) & online

09:30 – 10:00

Conference registration

10:00 – 10:15

Welcome address

Remus PRICOPIE, Rector of SNSPA

Mihai PĂUNESCU, Vice-Rector of SNSPA

10:15 – 10:40

The competencies of the future and the role of universities in European policies

Victor NEGRESCU,

Vice-President of the European Parliament, member of the Panel for the Future of
Science and Technology (STOA)

10:40 – 11:05

Micro-credentials as infrastructures for the innovation economy

Adrian CURAJ,

General Director of the Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research,
Development and Innovation Funding

11:05 – 11:30

A new social contract for higher education: UNESCO's Futures of Education
Framework and the case for flexible, alliance-based learning

Ligia DECA,

General Secretary of the National Commission of Romania for UNESCO

11:30 – 11:45

Coffee break

11:45 – 12:10

Exploring models for lifelong learning: examples from LSE

Claire Gordon,

Director of the LSE Eden Centre for Education Enhancement,

Chair of the Governing Board Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity

Rebecca Sealy,

LSE European Partnerships Coordinator

12:10 – 12:35

From word to video: is the future of teaching...avatars?

Francisco De Abreu Duarte,

Assistant Professor in Innovation, Law and Platform Governance at the School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute

12:35 – 13:00

The OSUN training program as a case study in micro-credentials and model for CIVICA innovative teaching formats

Pușa Năstase,

Visiting Professor, Department of Public Policy, Central European University, Educational Outreach Office Lead

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch break

Afternoon session | 14:00 – 17:00 EEST, local time
Room 804 (8th floor) & online

14:00 – 15:15

Round table on the future of CIVICA and policy recommendations for developing the alliance moderated by **Mihai PĂUNESCU**, Vice-Rector of SNSPA

15:15 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 16:45

Round table on innovation and lifelong learning and teaching social sciences moderated by **Gabriel VÎIU**, Associate Lecturer, Faculty of Management, SNSPA