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DEVELOPING ADULT SKILLS

Strengthening assessment, evaluation strategies, and intervention programs international conference



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Friday, September 15, 2023

(GMT +2, Bucharest time)

Languages: English

Venue: SNSPA Headquarter, 30A Expozitiei Blvd., District 1, Bucharest, Romania

The conference is organized by The Ministry of Education (Romania), The National Commission of Romania for UNESCO, the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), and The UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL), and it aims to raise awareness of the importance of developing adult skills and literacy programs, by enhancing key skills assessment, evaluation strategies and tackling intervention programs. The conference is foreseen as a dialogue platform with the key stakeholders, notably the Ministry of Labor and Social Solidarity, the National Institute for Scientific Research in the fields of labor market and social policy (INCSMPS), the National Institute for Statistics, as well as other key players in the area of adult learning.

Developing Adult Skills. Strengthening Assessment, Evaluation Strategies, and Intervention Programs International Conference focuses on policy frameworks and intervention programs aimed at measuring adults' literacy and numeracy skills. In doing so, the conference seeks to highlight the role of evidence-based public policies in adult literacy and HEI's contribution to enhancing the complementarity of different methodologies and related instruments in view of bridging national strategies and intervention programs with local needs. Generating high-quality, comparable data on the core abilities of the youth and adult population is fundamental to efficient policymaking and program design in adult literacy. With data and knowledge essential when addressing policy and intervention programs, the conference has a strong component focused on large-scale testing, data collection and interpretation, and designing national intervention schemes to level up extant loopholes and identify needs in tackling adult education.

The conference broadly tackles adult literacy as a multidisciplinary process favoring lifelong education. Moreover, lifelong education is also a main topic of the conference due to its impact on fostering social inclusion, active citizenship, personal development, sustainable practices,



competitiveness and employability. As highlighted by CONFINTEA VII, lifelong learning is a key element for inclusion and a precondition for social and ecological justice, health and well-being, change and transformation. In line with CONFINTEA VII, the conference focuses on lifelong learning public policies and looks to discuss the complementarity of different standpoints of adult learning, competencies and skills. In this sense, the support of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning for Romania's efforts in developing adult learning public policies is elemental.

Topics

Methodology

- conceptualization of key cognitive skills: literacy and numeracy;
- conceptualization of citizenship skills, digital skills, and green skills;
- data collection strategies;
- data collection challenges – strategies to include ethnic minorities, economic and climate change migrants, refugees etc. research design for measuring adult literacy.

Policy and strategies

- use data to ground national policies in literacy and numeracy;
- local intervention strategies to increase literacy and numeracy among adults;
- international collaboration in creating and implementing adult education policies;
- collaboration between NGO and public administration to create and implement adult education programs;
- HEIs' role in widening access and participation in learning opportunities
- HEIs' contribution to developing skills in communities

Organizers

Ministry of Education of Romania
The National Commission of Romania for UNESCO
The National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania
UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

Participants

Ministers, state secretaries, researchers, and experts.

Date, venue, and logistics

The conference is organized on-site at SNSPA, 30A Expoziției Bvd, Bucharest, Romania.
The conference's language is English. Please note that simultaneous interpretations will not be available.



Agenda

Friday, September 15, 2023	
Location: SNSPA, Blvd Expozitiei 30A, Bucharest, Room P03	
10:00 – 10:30	Registration (Ground floor)
10:30 – 11:00	Ministerial panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zoltan Kallos, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education ▪ Ana Rădulescu, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Labor and Social Solidarity ▪ Madlen Șerban, Secretary-General, The National Commission of Romania for UNESCO ▪ Remus Pricopie, Rector, SNSPA ▪ Nicolas Jonas, Team leader, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning Moderator: Corina Buzoianu, SNSPA
11:00 – 12:30	Implementing Adult Literacy Programs – Key findings <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nicolas Jonas, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning ▪ Corina Buzoianu, SNSPA & Nicoleta Corbu, SNSPA ▪ Thantida Wongprasong, Office of Innovation for Learning Opportunity Equitable Education Fund, Thailand ▪ Ileana Rotaru, West University of Timisoara (online) ▪ Alberto Fornasari, University Aldo Moro of Bari, Italy Moderator: Crina Rădulescu, SNSPA <p>Q&A</p>
12:30 – 13:40	Lunch break
13:40 – 15:10	HEIs' Role in Lifelong Learning <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Katharina Duermeier, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning ▪ Kirstin Sonne, Eucen (online) ▪ Pușa Năstase, Central European University ▪ Laura Sara Agrati, University of Bergamo, Italy ▪ Osman Ferda Beytekin, Ege University University, Turkey Moderator: Albert Craiu, SNSPA <p>Q&A</p>
15:10 – 15:25	Coffee break
15:25 – 17:00	Addressing the Obstacles in Adult Key Skills Assessment, Evaluation Strategies, and Intervention Programs <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kaewkwan Tangtipongkul, Thammasat University, Thailand (online)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kristine Maghlakelidze, Skills Agency Georgia, Georgia▪ Aulia Luqman Aziz, University of Brawijaya, Indonesia▪ Bogdan Pătărlăgeanu, National Institute for Statistics, Romania▪ Monica Maer-Matei, National Scientific Research Institute for Labor and Social Protection, Romania <p>Moderator: Oana Ștefăniță, SNSPA</p> <p>Q&A</p>
17:00 – 17:20	<p>Conference conclusions and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Remus Pricopie, Rector, SNSPA▪ Madlen Șerban, Secretary-General, The National Commission of Romania for UNESCO
19:00 – 21:00	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Location: “Batiștei” Guesthouse (COB), Emanoil Bacaloglu Street, No 2</p>



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