

Annual Conference of the
EBSN

Aspects of Quality in Basic
Skills Provision -

Professional
Development at All
Levels of Implementaion

The Basic Skills Network
Annual General Assembly
and Conference



WHEN

14th to 16th June 2023



WHERE

The House of Civic Communities
Address:
7624 Pécs, Szent István tér 17. Hungary



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Wednesday, June 14th

Venue: House of Civic Communities, Pécs, Hungary

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| 16:00 - 16:30 | Registration and coffee | |
| 16:30 - 19:00 | General Assembly including a coffee break | |
| 19:00 | Short meeting of the Executive Committee | |

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, June 15th

Venue: House of Civic Communities, Pécs, Hungary

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| 09:00 - 09:30 | Registration and coffee | |
| 09:30 - 09:40 | Formal opening | EBSN and hosts |
| 09:40 - 09:50 | Introduction - Plenary | Ministry/national perspective Hungary (TBC) |
| 09:50 - 10:10 | Roles and Responsibilities of Universities to re-integrate Basic Skills Development into Core Competences of Adult Educators | Balázs Németh, University of Pécs, Hungary |
| 10:10 - 10:30 | Relevant EU Policy Perspectives | European Commission (TBC) |
| 10:30 - 10:40 | Q&A | |
| 10:40 - 11:00 | Using Digital Technologies to Support Adult Learners' Success in Basic Skills | Judith Alamprese, a Principal Scientist at Abt Associates, USA. |
| 11:00-11:20 | Coffee break | + Market Place |
| 11:20 - 12:20 | Parallel sessions: 1st round of workshops, topics 1, 2, 3 and 4 | Parallel sessions consisting of 2 x 20 min + 20 min for Q&A See workshop overview |
| 12:20 - 14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00 - 14:10 | Quality and professionalization in Basic Skills Provision: presentation of the first draft of the Pécs Conference Declaration | EBSN Team / EBSN EC - TBC |
| 14:10 - 14:40 | Group discussions | With rapporteurs, written report on Conference Declaration and on a pre-prepared questionnaire |
| 14:40 - 15:00 | Limits of Measurability. Approaches to Critical Media Literacy in Basic Skills Education in Austria | Stefanie Mayer, Institute for Conflict Research, Austria |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Coffee break | + Market Place |
| 15:30 - 16:30 | Parallel sessions: 2nd round of workshops, topics 1, 2, 3 and 4 | Parallel sessions consisting of 2 x 20 min + 20 min for Q&A See workshop overview. |
| 16:30 - 16:45 | Summing up the first conference day | Practical information for the evening |
| 19:00 | Conference dinner | |

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Friday, June 16th

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| 09:00 - 09:30 | Coffee and informal conversations | |
| 09:30 - 10:10 | EBSN's Professional Development Series | (TBC) |
| 10:10 - 10:30 | Numeracy in Practice – preliminary outcomes | Kees Hoogland, University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, The Netherlands |
| 10:30 - 10:40 | Q&A on the above plenary sessions | |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Coffee break | + Market Place |
| 11:00 - 11:40 | Panel Discussion: Determining the Quality of Adult Basic Skills Programs: Possible Directions and Perspectives from Europe and North America | Proposed participants - Judith Alamprese, a Principal Scientist at Abt Associates, USA, representative of the European Commission, Alex Stevenson, L&W, UK (TBC) |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | Conference declaration: final draft presentation. How to use the declaration. | EBSN Team / EBSN EC - TBC |
| 12:00 - 12:20 | The future of EBSN and final greetings | EBSN EC + hosts |
| 12.20- 14.00 | Lunch Meeting of the new EC | |

Preliminary setup of the workshop sessions

Workshop Session 1, Topic 1: Using digital technologies for outreach and support adult basic skills learners' development

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| Johanni Larjanko | NVL Digital, Finland | How to reach "hard to reach learners" |
| Jana Wälchli | Swiss Umbrella Organisation for Reading and Writing (DVLS), Switzerland | National Efforts to Improve Quality of Basic Skills Education in Switzerland: The Center of Competence for Didactics and Digitalization |

Workshop Session 1, Topic 2: Developing tools for improving basic skills learning

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| Damian Fäh | Flying Teachers, Switzerland | Scenario-based Basic Skills Training with the fide System |
| Heribert Hinzen, | Honorary Professor, PTE, Germany | Improving institutionalization and professionalization in adult learning and education (ALE) – Skills training and capacity building via the ALE Toolbox |

Workshop Session 1, Topic 3: Supporting basic skills teachers in professionalization

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| Sam Duncan | UCL Institute of Education, UK | Learning from Irene Schwab and Jane Mace: how their work can help us better understand the ideals and challenges of good adult literacy provision. |
| Petra Javrh, Estera Mozina | Slovenian Institute for Adult Education, Slovenia | A strong professional identity is linked to exploring one's own professional practice. |

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Workshop Session 1, Topic 4: Need to support youth and adult educators to improve literacy provision

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| Sofia Chatziagianni | <i>Quality Learning Ecosystems, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL)</i> | Improving digital competencies of literacy educators for quality literacy provision. |
| Daiana Huber | <i>EDUPRIS project partnership, Romania</i> | Emerging Adults Justice – the Educational Sciences Injustice |

Workshop Session 2, Topic 1: Effective initiatives for supporting quality basic skills policies

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| Maryla Koss-Goryszewska, Katarzyna Pająk-Załęska, Aleksandra Leyk, Maciej Ostaszewski | <i>Educational Research Institute, Poland</i> | Quality assurance in the model of basic skills provision tested in the project “A Chance – new opportunities for adults”. |
| Alex Stevenson | <i>National Learning and Work Institute, UK</i> | Effective practice in basic skills for adult learners in London |

Workshop Session 2, Topic 2: Strategic initiatives aiming at raising basic skills on national level

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| Cäcilia Märki | <i>Swiss Federation for Adult Learning (SVEB), Switzerland</i> | Educational Vouchers for basic skills in Switzerland |
| Mandy Mifsud | <i>Directorate for Research, Lifelong Learning and Employability, Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation of Malta</i> | A review and revamp of adult basic skills provision in Malta |

Workshop Session 2, Topic 3: Strengthening local employment and entrepreneurship through basic skills development

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| Jan Evensen | <i>Fønix, Norway</i> | Strengthening basic skills as part of entrepreneurial training |
| Petru Vasile Gafiuc | <i>Bucovina Institute, Romania</i> | Supporting Employment Platform through Apprenticeship Learning |

Workshop Session 2, Topic 4: Basic skills development through community learning facilitation

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| Enikő Jarmaczki | <i>Young Service Steward Partnership, Progress Consult, Hungary</i> | Developing life skills of NEETs based on one joint program in 12 settlements |
| Maria Toia | <i>Center for Promoting Lifelong Learning (CPIP), Romania</i> | The forgotten adults in rural areas. Why professionalisation of community learning facilitators is the solution that no one is looking at. |