





Financing adult learning The role of public funding

20 and 21 October 2025 Thessaloniki, Greece

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Programme

Day 1. Monday, 20 October 2025 (all times are EEST)

9.00 - 9.30	Registration and welcome coffee
9.30 - 10.15	Opening and welcome
	Moderator: Alfredo Salmaso, Cedefop
	Jürgen Siebel, Executive Director, Cedefop
	Eleonora Meleti, Member of the European Parliament (video message)
	Jakob Vinkler Mortensen, Danish Presidency
	Diana Spiridon, European Commission
10.15 – 10.45	Cedefop's work on financing adult learning/CVET: setting the scene
	Patrycja Lipińska, Mantas Sekmokas, Cedefop
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.30	Presentation of Cedefop study on individual learning accounts (ILAs)
	Patrycja Lipińska, Cedefop
	Günter Hefler, 3s, Austria
	The current status of ILA implementation
	Mantas Sekmokas, Cedefop
	ILAs in the Union of Skills
	Diana Spiridon, European Commission
	Diana Opinidon, European Commission
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break







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14.00 - 15.30

Parallel working groups

1. Funding and governance (Europa room)

Moderator: Peter Szovics, Ministry of Education, Research, Development

and Youth, Slovakia

Rapporteur: Terence Hogarth, University of Warwick, UK

Scene setting

Johnny Sung, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Country example: Cyprus

Yiannis Mourouzides, Human Resource Development Authority, Cyprus

2. Relevance and quality (Rousseau room)

Moderator: Margherita Bussi, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium

Rapporteur: Bert-Jan Buiskool, Ockham, Netherlands

Scene setting

George Kostakis, Anthie Kyriakopoulou, Cedefop

Country example: France

Amandine Fouché, Ministry of Labour, Health, Solidarity and Families

Flavio Leoni, Caisse des Dépôt, France

3. Digital platforms (Montessori room)

Moderator: Ivana Studená, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia

Rapporteur: Cecilia Ivardi, University of St Galen, Switzerland

Scene setting

Viola Pinzi, European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA)

Country example: Lithuania

Tomas Pūtys, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Lithuania

4. Training leave and income replacement (Alexandria room)

Moderator: Petya Ilieva-Trichkova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences,

Bulgaria

Rapporteur: Iñigo Isusi, IKEI, Spain

Scene setting

Günter Hefler, 3s, Austria

Country example: Denmark

Palle Rasmussen, Professor Emeritus, Aalborg University, Denmark

15.30 - 16.00

Coffee break











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16.00 – 16.40	Reporting from the working groups
16.40 – 17.30	Panel discussion: Lessons learned and future reflections
	Moderator: Ilias Livanos, Cedefop
	Dario Baron , Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy, Croatia
	Monika Nigl, Vienna Employment Promotion Fund (waff), Austria
	Elize de Bar, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, Netherlands
	Flavio Leoni, Caisse des Dépôt, France
	Amandine Fouché, Ministry of Labour, Health, Solidarity and Families, France
17.30 – 20.00	Networking reception

Day 2. Tuesday, 21 October 2025 (all times are EEST)

9.30 – 10.00	Registration and welcome coffee
10.00 – 10.40	Moderator: Mantas Sekmokas, Cedefop Presentation of Cedefop study on training funds: EU review Patrycja Lipińska, Cedefop Simon Broek, Ockham, Netherlands
10.40 – 11.15	Presentation of Cedefop study on training funds Exploring the potential for establishing training fund(s) in Latvia Daniel Unterweger, 3s Discussant: Jelena Muhina, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia
11.15 – 11.50	Presentation of the Cedefop study on training funds Exploring the potential for reforming/establishing training fund(s) in Poland Łukasz Sienkiewicz, Institute for Labour Market Analyses, Poland Discussant: Ewa Flaszyńska, Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy, Poland
11.50 – 12.10	Coffee break









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12.10 – 13.00	Round table: Financing adult learning – Vision for the future Moderator: Mantas Sekmokas, Cedefop Robert Plummer, BusinessEurope (video message) Mario Patuzzi, ETUC Raffaela Kihrer, EAEA
	Marcella Milana, University of Verona, Italy
13.00 – 13.10	Closing remarks Mara Brugia, Deputy Director, Cedefop
13.10 – 14.30	Farewell lunch
14.30 – 16.00	Cultural visit – Guided tour

