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Eastern European Professional Forum on Adult Learning and Education (ALE)

5-7 June 2025

Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Venue: Volkshochschule Frankfurt am Main, Sonnenmannstraße 13
60314 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Thursday, 5 June 2025

German time (GMT+2 hours)	Session topics, speakers
08:20 – 08:45	<i>Walk to the Volkshochschule Frankfurt am Main (VHS)</i>
08:45 – 09:15	<i>Registration of participants</i>
09:15 – 09:30	<u>Opening of the event and welcome words:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uwe Gartenschlaeger, Director, DVV International - Danijel Dejanovic, Director, VHS Frankfurt am Main
Session 1. Promotion of ALE	
09:30 – 10:15	<u>Keynote:</u> Analysing the legal basis for ALE-promotion in Germany using the example of two Federal States Prof. Dr. Michael Schemmann , Professor for Adult Education, University of Cologne <u>Q & A</u>
10:15 – 11:00	<u>Presentation:</u> Introduction into the CONFINTEA process Prof. (H) Dr. Heribert Hinzen , former Director of DVV International & IUL Honorary Fellow <u>Q & A</u>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>

Session 2: EU trends in the promotion of ALE	
11:30 – 12:10	<p><u>Keynote:</u> The Political Economy of Adult Learning Systems – Some Institutional Features That Promote Adult Learning Participation</p> <p>Dr. Alexandra Ioannidou, Internationalisation Unit, Executive Department. German Institute for Adult Education - Leibniz Centre for Lifelong Learning.</p> <p><u>Q & A</u></p>
12:10 – 13:00	<p><u>Presentation:</u> Union of Skills of the European Union</p> <p>Gina Ebner, Head of Policy and Deputy Secretary General, European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA)</p> <p><u>Q & A</u></p>
13:00 – 14:15	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 3: Workshops for exchange and consultations	
14:15 – 15:45	<p>Workshop 1: Splitting up in 3 regional groups (Eastern Neighbours, Caucasus and South-East Europe) and exchange and consultations on the following topics with the support of international experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding the needs of the education system and vulnerable groups; - Identifying stakeholder groups and their interests.
15:45 – 16:15	<i>Coffee-break</i>
16:15 – 17:30	<p>Workshop 2: Splitting up in 3 regional groups (Eastern Neighbours, Caucasus and South-East Europe) and exchange and consultations with the support of international experts on the state of the Art in the countries and the desired target in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance; - Legislation; - Financing.
<i>After 17:30</i>	<i>Joint dinner (place to be identified)</i>

Friday, 6 June 2025

German time (GMT+2 hours)	Session topics, speakers
08:30 – 09:00	<i>Walk to the Volkshochschule Frankfurt am Main (VHS)</i>
Session 1. Financing of Adult Learning and Education	
09:00 – 10:00	<p><u>Presentation:</u> Financing of ALE</p> <p>Dr. Katarina Popovic, Associate professor in the Department of Andragogy at the University of Belgrade</p> <p><u>Q & A</u></p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Workshop 3: Splitting up in 3 regional groups (Eastern Neighbours, Caucasus and South-East Europe) and exchange and consultations on the following topics with the support of international experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying priorities for immediate action.
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>
Session 2: Panel discussion and concluding statements	
11:30 – 13:00	<p><u>Pannel discussion:</u> Challenges for the ALE Promotion in selected countries of the Eastern European region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Selected participants from the countries of the project and international experts will preside on the panel and provide statements on the state of ALE in their countries, experienced challenges for its promotion.</i> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Dr. Katarina Popovic, Associate professor in the Department of Andragogy at the University of Belgrade.</p>
13:00 – 14:15	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 3: Presentation of the Volkshochschule Frankfurt a. M. and a guided tour	
14:15 – 15:00	<u>Presentation:</u> Introducing the hosting institution
15:00 – 15:45	<i>Guided tour through the building of the VHS Frankfurt a. M.</i>
15:45 – 16:15	<i>Coffee-break</i>
After 15:45	<i>Free time / Departures</i>

Saturday, 7 June 2025

German time (GMT+2 hours)	Session topics, speakers
09:00 – 14:00	<i>Pick-up at the hotel for the guided tour in Frankfurt am Main</i>
<i>After 14:00</i>	<i>Free time / Departures</i>

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