

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



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The House of Civic Communities
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Wednesday, June 14th

Venue: House of Civic Communities, Pécs, Hungary

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

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and coffee	
09:30 – 09:40	Formal opening	EBSN and hosts
09:40 – 10:00	Adult Learning and Basic Skills Policies in the European Year of Skills	Sofie Doškářová, Policy Officer, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
10:00 – 10:20	Roles and Responsibilities of Universities to re-integrate Basic Skills Development into Core Competences of Adult Educators	Balázs Németh, University of Pécs, Hungary
10:20 – 10:40	Complex Approaches for Developing Basic Skills	Zoltán Dániel, Head of Main Department for Social Inclusion Trainings, Directorate General for Social Inclusion (DGS), Hungary
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 – 11:10	Q&A	
11:10 – 11:30	Coffee break	+ Market Place
11:30 – 12:30	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
12:30 – 13:50	Lunch	
13:50 – 14:20	Panel discussion: Reflections on the Seventh International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VII)	Participants: • Judith Alamprese, Abt Associates, USA • Heribert Hinzen, Honorary Professor, University of Pécs, Germany • Balázs Németh, University of Pécs, Hungary
14:20 – 15:00	Quality and professionalization in Basic Skills Provision: presentation of the first draft of the Pécs Conference Declaration followed by group discussions.	Facilitated by Alex Stevenson and Sam Duncan, members of the EBSN Executive Committee.
15:00 – 15:20	Limits of Measurability. Approaches to Critical Media Literacy in Basic Skills Education in Austria	Stefanie Mayer, Institute for Conflict Research, Austria
15:20 – 15:50	Coffee break	+ Market Place

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15:50 – 16:50	Parallel sessions: 2nd round of workshops, topics 1, 2, 3 and 4	<i>Parallel sessions consisting of 2 x 20 min + 20 min for Q&A See workshop overview.</i>
16:50 – 17:00	Summing up the first conference day	<i>Practical information for the evening</i>
19:00	Conference dinner	

Friday, June 16th

Venue: House of Civic Communities, Pécs, Hungary

09:00 – 09:30	Coffee and informal conversations	
09:30 – 10:10	EBSN's Professional Development Series	Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Widger, South East Technological University (SETU), <i>Ireland</i> Neill Wylie, South East Technological University (SETU), <i>Ireland</i> Ágnes Tanka, Szondi György Secondary Technical and Vocational School of Nograd County's Vocational Center, <i>Hungary</i> Györgyi Csendes, European Basic Skills Network Secretariat, <i>Hungary</i> Zoltán Várkonyi, European Basic Skills Network Secretariat, <i>Hungary</i>
10:10 – 10:30	Numeracy in Practice – preliminary outcomes	Kees Hoogland , University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, <i>The Netherlands</i>
10:30 – 10:40	Q&A on the above plenary sessions	
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee break	<i>+ Market Place</i>
11:00 – 11:50	Panel Discussion: Determining the Quality of Adult Basic Skills Programs: Possible Directions and Perspectives from Europe and North America	Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sofie Doškářová, DG EMPL, Erno Hyvönen, Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, <i>Finland</i> Alex Stevenson, National Learning and Work Institute, <i>UK</i> Cäcilia Märki, Swiss Federation for Adult Learning (SVEB), <i>Switzerland</i> Moderator participant: Judith Alamprese , Abt Associates, <i>USA</i>
11:50 – 12:10	Conference declaration: final draft presentation. How to use the declaration.	Facilitated by Alex Stevenson and Sam Duncan , members of the EBSN Executive Committee.
12:10 – 12:30	Wrap up & Closing session	<i>EBSN EC + hosts</i>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch Meeting of the new EC	



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Preliminary setup of the workshop sessions

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

Facilitator: Maria Toia

Johanni Larjanko	<i>NVL Digital, Finland</i>	How to reach "hard to reach learners"
Jana Wälchli	<i>Swiss Umbrella Organisation for Reading and Writing (DVLS), Switzerland</i>	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

Facilitator: Jan Evensen

Damian Fäh	<i>Flying Teachers, Switzerland</i>	Scenario-based Basic Skills Training with the fide System
Heribert Hinzen	<i>Honorary Professor, PTE, Germany</i>	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

Facilitator: Zolt Vincze

Sam Duncan	<i>UCL Institute of Education, UK</i>	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 Možina	<i>Slovenian Institute for Adult Education, Slovenia</i>	A strong professional identity is linked to exploring one's own professional practice.

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

Facilitator: Tamás Harangozó

Sofia Chatzianni	<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

Facilitator: Damian Fäh

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



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

Facilitator: Johanni Larjanko

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>	The Malta National Basic Skills Guidelines for Adults

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

Facilitator: Daiana Huber

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

Facilitator: Estera Možina

Enikő Jarmaczki	<i>Young Service Steward Partnership, Progress Consult, Hungary</i>	Collaborative EBSN Design and Evaluation: Enhancing Life Skills of NEETs in Diverse National and Local Settings
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.