

NEF conference, Pedagogical University College Upper Austria, 19.1.23 transition towards digital learning - national and international perspectives

New Education Forum - NEF, created in 2015 by the Center for Innovative Education, is a platform for exchanging knowledge, experience and contacts in the field of educational innovations. NEF works across Europe, bringing together representatives of over 380 institutions from 17 EU Member States: European regions and cities, higher education and research institutions, as well as employers from a variety of industries.

The first NEF meeting - cohosted by MEP Mr Jerzy Buzek, the Forum's First Ambassador - was in 2015. Since that time, 27 regional and annual NEF meetings (including 6 in the European Parliament) have been held, each on international level, attracting over 3.760 participants.

Many panelists have been hosted, like Mr Tibor Navracsics, the EU Commissioner for Education who opened the first New Education Forum Warsaw in 2015, Valdis Dombrovskis (the EU Commissioner), Montserrat Gomendio (Deputy Director, Education and Skills, OECD), Thérèse De Liedekerke (Deputy Director General, BusinessEurope), Dominika Bettman (CEO, Microsoft Poland), Sophia Eriksson Waterschoot (Director, Youth, Education and Erasmus+, DG Education and Culture, European Commission) and many others.

Key aims of New Education Forum are:

- Promotion of transversal competences as essential labor resources;
- Improvement of the perception of vocational educational and training
- Finding innovative directions for education, aiming to engage individuals in difficult circumstances, particularly NEETs, refugees, persons with disabilities;
- Building bridges between EU regions and cities and European institutions with respect to the above mentioned issue.

So far, NEF has taken place around Europe, including Edinburgh, Limerick, Santander, Warsaw, Brussels, Poznań, Comillas, Turin, Berlin, Olsztyn, Aberdeen, Opole, Bielsko-Biała and now in Linz giving the opportunity to build innovative education network, conduct debates and create valuable partnerships, analyze local conditions, raise questions and look for answers and practical solutions, meeting the needs of the local and European labor markets.

The most recent annual New Education forum was held on November 14th and 15th, 2022 in Brussels in the European Parliament mainly focusing on manners for adapting schools to the green transition and digital learning models.

The next New Education Forum will take place in Austria in Linz at the Pedagogical University College Upper Austria on the 19th of January 2023.

Objectives of the event:

- to discuss necessary paradigm shift in which teachers are – first of all – mentors to their students rather than just knowledge transmitters;
- to present the MENTOR pedagogy and Mentor 2.0 project in its conception, pedagogical approach, outputs and outcomes;
- to discuss the training and learning methodologies and tools being developed and implemented to gather comments from educational experts.

Pre-Registration for teachers:

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15.30 - 16.00	Questions from the audience
16.00 - 17.00	Summary and closing remarks

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