

eucen 2025 Policy Talks in Brussels

Tuesday 16 September 2025 | 09:00 to 13:00 CET

Special Announcement

Towards the 2030 Headline Targets for the European Pillar of Social Rights: The Role of University Lifelong Learning

In a rapidly changing world, **University Lifelong Learning (ULLL)** is essential for ensuring Europe's economic resilience, social cohesion, and democratic strength. ULLL empowers individuals to keep pace with technological advancements, supports workforce adaptability, and fosters an inclusive society where everyone can thrive.

ULLL is also critical to achieving the **European Union's ambitious 2030 targets** for employment, training, and social inclusion:

- 📌 **78% employment** – at least 78% of people aged 20 to 64 should be in employment.
- 📌 **60% training participation** – at least 60% of all adults should engage in training every year.
- 📌 **Reducing poverty by 15 million** – lifting at least 15 million people out of poverty or social exclusion.

By bridging the gap between education and industry, universities play a crucial role in equipping learners with the skills needed for the digital and green transitions. At the same time, ULLL enhances social mobility by offering accessible learning opportunities to all—regardless of age, background, or prior education—helping to reduce inequalities and strengthen communities.

Beyond the workplace, ULLL reinforces Europe's democratic values by fostering critical thinking, civic engagement, and digital literacy. In an era of misinformation and polarisation, ULLL empowers individuals to navigate complex political landscapes and actively participate in democratic life.

How can universities and stakeholders do even more to shape a stronger Europe? What solutions exist to overcome barriers to participation, such as financial constraints, time limitations, and access to information?

Join us this September as we explore these crucial questions and work together to advance ULLL across Europe. Invited representatives from international organisations and European institutions/organisations will share their vision.

Audience | Civil Society and European Policy Makers (26 participants expected)

Venue | SwissCore. Rue du Trône 98. 1050 Brussels (BE)

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