



International Conference

The ways of Lifelong Learning. Towards socially relevant quality in European universities

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University Lifelong Learning in Europe and its social dimension – Notes from practice

This talk will focus on the following aspects of University Lifelong Learning:

1. What are the major issues of developing “University Lifelong Learning (ULLL)” as seen by the National Networks for ULLL in Europe?
2. What can ULLL contribute to enhance the “social dimension” of universities?
3. From theory to practice: The University of Graz as a partner for lifelong learning for all generations

We will look first at the results of a survey, which was conducted by EUCEN- European University Continuing Education Network among its 17 National Networks members in the years 2012-2015, specifically looking at the answers to the questions what the main issues in the field of Lifelong Learning at universities will be in the future; and, what ULLL would be able to contribute to the key issues of the European universities in the future.

We will then proceed to explore the contribution ULLL can make to enhance the “social dimension” of universities and highlight some of the challenges, as – critically – seen by the presenter, based on her professional experience in the field.

Finally, we will also look at the University of Graz as a practical example; its strategic approach to LLL and ULLL; institutionalisation of ULLL; and its concept of access to university learning also for target groups which have, for various reasons, only limited or no access to scientific knowledge and academic learning.

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