

*The demographics of higher education students are changing. Yet, higher educated graduates who require an update or a reorientation of their knowledge and insights are confronted with multiple barriers. Family responsibilities and professional context limit their mobility and available time for studying. Current conventional programs such as post-graduate programs or MOOCs are not in themselves the answer to non-traditional learners' demands of Life-Long Learning.*

#### **EUTOPIA'S EDUCATIONAL MODEL**

The EUTOPIA university partners aim to offer better chances for responding to the ambitions of Life-Long Learners by developing flexible mechanisms that recognize short-term learning efforts building on the concept of micro-credentials. Selected as one of the 17 initial European University pilots funded by the European Commission, EUTOPIA introduced an educational model that starts from existing good practices within our universities in open and active learning, connecting students, staff, and stakeholders in society inter-university networks. These cross-campus Connected Learning

Communities cover topics ranging from citizenship, critical data analysis, the social power of global media, constitutional issues for minorities, multilingualism, artificial intelligence, sustainable transport modes, to business development for new technology. They tackle today's grand societal challenges creating value-added for all partners involved. It is clear from this non-exhaustive list that the Connected Learning Communities offer considerable potential for higher educated workers and citizens that are looking for an update and reorientation of their skills at a European scale.

#### **EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES IN TRANSNATIONAL LIFE-LONG LEARNING**

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, EUTOPIA aims to identify the most suitable learning formats and explore scenarios for flexible learning patterns with the help of major stakeholders in society in adult education and employment in a European context.

#### **JOIN US IN THIS DEEP DIVE INTO TRANSNATIONAL LIFE-LONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES!**

# **EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES IN TRANSNATIONAL LIFE-LONG LEARNING**

**SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**2:30 - 5:00 PM CET**

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#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

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