

ViP-NET Coffee Break

"Investing in Participation in Democratic Life"

Friday 2 December 2022
13:30- 14:30 CET, [Zoom online](#)

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About

Citizens' participation in democratic life is key for the promotion of EU values. To overcome citizens' difficulties in actively engaging and participating in their communities or in the Union's political and social life, the European Commission launched several initiatives falling under the priority "Participation in Democratic Life". The Erasmus+ programme also contributes to these efforts by tackling the priority from education and training perspective, foreseeing the opportunity to develop activities promoting active citizenship and ethics in lifelong learning; raising awareness and understanding of the European Union context, notably as regards the common EU values, the principles of unity and diversity, as well as their social, cultural, and historical heritage, critical thinking, and media literacy.

In the framework of its VIP-NET programme (Visibility, Policy engagement, Network Strengthening), the European Vocational and training Association (EVTA) is organizing a series of online events "Coffee Breaks" – aimed at exploring how education and training can contribute to the achievement of the 4 European Commission priorities included in the Erasmus + programme. These events have the objectives to raise awareness on the priorities, give visibility to best practices, and foster cooperation between VET providers and stakeholders, adopting a peer-to-peer perspective.

During the "Participation in Democratic Life" event, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the framework established by the European Commission to foster citizen's participation in democratic life, social and civic engagement. The event will feature presentations from EVTA and its members who will share best practices and projects related to citizens' participation in the democratic process of the EU policymaking. This will be followed by an interactive discussion session.

The event will be moderated by Petros Makris Kourkoulos, EU Communication, Event and Project Manager at EVTA.

Agenda

13:30	The ViP-NET programme Words of Welcome	Giulia Meschino Director and Secretary General European Vocational Training Association
13:35	Participation in Democratic Life focus on the priority	Georg Pirker Network Chairperson Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe
13:45	EVTA's involvement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhancing critical thinking skills and media literacy in VET;• Mobility for VET in Europe	Petros Makris Kourkoulos EU Communication, Event and Project Manager European Vocational Training Association
13:50	The floor to EVTA members Best practices showcase	
14:10	Open discussion and closing remarks	Petros Makris Kourkoulos EU Communication, Event and Project Manager European Vocational Training Association