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# Fostering *digital pedagogies* through international cooperation\_

*Bled, Slovenia\_*  
*07.-09. 06. 2023\_*

Join us in Bled, Slovenia, at the upcoming conference, ***Fostering digital pedagogies through international cooperation***, co-organised by the Academic Cooperation Association (ACA) and the Centre of the Republic of Slovenia for Mobility and European Educational and Training Programmes (CMEPIUS)!

The two-day conference features ***a keynote by renowned author and expert in Virtual Exchange, Robert O'Dowd, and Piet Van Hove, President, EAIE, as the conference moderator.*** There will be panels on ***digital pedagogies, bringing digital pedagogies into internationalisation, and good practice presentations.*** The conference will also provide dedicated space for ***lab sessions***, giving participants the opportunity to reflect, exchange, and possibly co-develop new project ideas with facilitation offered by experts.

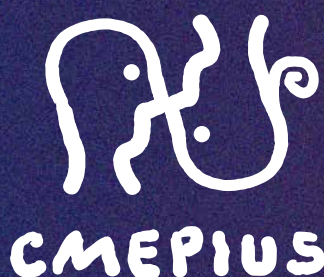
This conference brings together relevant stakeholders from higher education with a focus on ***supporting digital pedagogies.*** Panellists and participants will ***share experiences and best practices in the use of digital pedagogies to enhance international teaching and learning activities*** concerning student mobility and new mobility formats, COIL, joint programmes, etc. Drawing on discussions, panels and best practice presentations, participants will explore the challenges but also the potential of recent innovations, in terms of advancing education and international cooperation.

### ***Will we see you there?***

This conference is funded through the ***Training and Cooperation Activities (TCA)*** initiative. There is no registration fee but spaces are limited. If you are interested in attending, please contact your respective ***National Agency.***

Get a sneak peak of the programme and confirmed speakers below. Stay tuned to the **[ACA website](#)** for more confirmed speakers and programme updates!

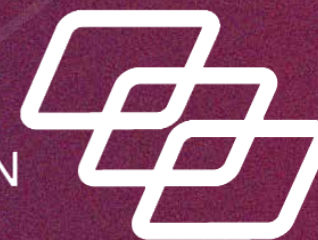
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# Programme\_

7 June

18:00 Welcome reception

8 June

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome words:  
Minister of Education  
Irina Ferencz, Director, ACA  
Alenka Flander, Director, CMEPIUS

09:30 - 10:00 Opening keynote: Robert O'Dowd, University of León

10:00 - 10:30 *Coffee break & Networking*

10:30 - 11:30 Panel: Digital Pedagogies

11.30 - 12.30 Good practice presentations – round 1

12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch Break*

14.00 - 15.00 Panel: Bringing digital pedagogies into internationalisation

15.00 - 16.00 Lab session – 1st meeting

16.00 - 16.30 *Coffee break & Networking*

16.30 - 17.00 Debriefing – Key takeaways: Piet Van Hove, President, EAIE

19.00 *Social Programme (TBD)*

9 June

09:00 - 09:30 European Commission – funding opportunities under Erasmus+ for digital pedagogies

09:30 - 10:30 Good practice presentations – round 2 (more focused on the categories which will be tackled during the lab sessions, with the aim of working as inspiration for participants)

10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee break & Networking*

11:00 - 13:00 Lab sessions – 2nd meeting

13:00 - 14:00 Key takeaways – Closing remarks

14.00 End of the conference

Conference Moderator: Piet Van Hove, EAIE president



# Confirmed Speakers\_

## Robert O'Dowd, Keynote Speaker



**Robert O'Dowd** is Full Professor for English Studies at the University of León, Spain. He has taught at universities in Ireland, Germany and Spain. He has published extensively on the application of Virtual Exchange in higher education and has been invited to be plenary speaker at international conferences in the US, Asia and across Europe. He is currently coordinating the Erasmus+ European Policy Experiment 'Virtual Innovation and Support Networks for Teachers' (VALIANT) and collaborates with organizations on the promotion and integration of Virtual Exchange in higher education across Europe. His most recent book is *Internationalising Higher Education and the Role of Virtual Exchange* (2023, Routledge).

## Piet Van Hove, Conference Moderator



**Piet Van Hove** is President (2022-24) of the European Association for International Education (EAIE) and Senior Policy Advisor for Internationalisation at the University of Antwerp, where he previously studied Law. He has been active in internationalisation since 1995, dealing with university-wide policy formulation and execution on different aspects of internationalisation, including student and staff mobility, development cooperation, services for international staff and students, international educational projects and strategic networking. Piet has been active in the leadership of several professional associations and nonprofits at the national and international level for many years, such as Flanders Knowledge Area, ACA, the NGO APOPO and the EAIE. He presents frequently on a wide range of topics related to internationalisation of higher education.



**Irina Ferencz** is the Director of ACA and has been working in international higher education since 2008. Irina has specific expertise in the area of international student and staff mobility in the European context (data collections, trends, policies), as well as in planning, monitoring and assessing internationalisation activities at institutional and national level. She also has a growing interest in widening inclusion in internationalisation activities. Currently, she is also a PhD candidate at Ghent University, CHEGG, and an occasional reviewer for two higher education journals. She has authored and co-authored multiple publications in the field. Irina holds an MSc degree in European Politics and Policies (KULeuven, Belgium) and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and European Studies (Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai, Romania). She is a Romanian national, speaks several languages and calls Belgium 'home'.



**Chahira Nouria** is currently working at the University of Göttingen, Germany as an Instructional Designer. Almost 15 years ago, Chahira has started her career as an educational technologist. While working at the United Nations University (UNU), she contributed to a few European projects about Open Educational Resources for European Universities and Virtual Mobility. The focus of her work is the development and implementation of methods and tools that help teachers and students strengthen their digital competences and enhance collaborative teaching and learning. Since December 2016, Chahira has been a member of the Digital Learning and Teaching team at the University of Göttingen. She first worked for the "Internationalisation of the Curricula" project and helped with the successful implementation of more than 30 digital and collaborative teaching initiatives. Since April 2020, she has been in charge of Digital Teaching and Learning in the DAAD funded IMKD project 'liveSciences<sup>3</sup>'.



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**Inge de Waard** is the learning strategist at EIT InnoEnergy. Inge is a longtime researcher, activist, award-winning learning innovator and (e)Learning coordinator. She developed multiple online & hybrid courses, co-designed AI tools, and embedded learning innovations. Inge coaches and co-creates international, blended curricula with engineers and teachers, and explores innovative learning formats. Her expertise is recognized by peers, resulting in additional co-authored papers, invited talks and keynotes in both academic as well as professional conferences, workshops and seminars. She recently founded the Flamboyant Grays initiative to spotlight role models who changed their lives at any age beyond 50 (FlamboyantGrays.com). Most of all, she likes to connect with people and share stories.



**Simone Hackett** is a Senior Lecturer and Researcher (Sociology & Education) at The Hague University of Applied Sciences and Utrecht University, The Netherlands. She has been active in the field of Internationalisation of Education since 2007, as an educator, researcher and faculty head of internationalisation. She is one of the leading experts in Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL). Since 2012 she has been designing and teaching COIL courses and conducts experimental research using control conditions to test the effectiveness of COIL. She is also a member of the General Council of the European Association of International Education (EAIE) and she regularly publishes articles on Internationalisation of Education and presents (inter)nationally on topics related to Internationalisation and COIL.



**Katrina Sproge** is the Vice President of Erasmus Students' Union (ESU). She is originally from Latvia, and since 2014, she has been active in student representation on all levels, including local, national, and international ones. She was a member of the executive board of the Student Union of Latvia (LSA) from 2018 until 2021, during which time she held the positions of president and officer for international affairs. As Vice-President of ESU, Katrina is working on Internationalisation and Mobility in Higher Education, Global cooperation, Sustainability, Social dimension and inclusion, as well as organisational development and capacity building.



**Márton Beke** has been working for the Tempus Public Foundation since 2012 and has been involved in several European projects. He was the coordinator of the ECCE Mundus (Enhancing Cross-regional Cooperation in Erasmus Mundus) initiative that promoted joint degrees and cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans and Central Asia. He is currently responsible for the Erasmus+ Centralised Actions the CEEPUS programme and the European Higher Education Area reforms projects. The current PROFFORMANCE project aims at developing an assessment tool and incentive systems for higher education teachers. He is also involved in internationalisation and policy development in higher education and takes part in the activities of working groups of the EHEA and the European Commission.

