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# **Education for Democracy in Schools: Applying the Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture**

## **Online Conference of Senior Officials and Experts**

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## **Programme**



**Thursday 15 April 2021**

	<b>High-level segment (9:30 – 12:15 CEST)</b>
<b>9:30-10:00</b>	<b>Official opening and welcome addresses</b> Stefanie Hubig, Minister of Education of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate, Vice President of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany Birgit Pikowsky, Director of Pädagogisches Landesinstitut Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (video message)
<b>10:00-10:45</b>	<b>Democracy in schools: from theory to practice</b> Richard Stock, Director of the Robert Schuman European Centre, Scy-Chazelles, France Rolf Gollob, Professor at the Zürich University of Teacher Education & Council of Europe EPAN expert for Switzerland  <b>Moderator:</b> Martyn Barrett, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, University of Surrey, U.K. & EPAN Lead Expert  <b>Discussion</b>
<b>10:45-11:15</b>	<b>Health break</b>  <b>School video:</b> 'Butterfly of Competences at IGS Landau', Landau Integrated Comprehensive School, Germany
<b>11:15-12:00</b>	<b>How member States foster schools in strengthening democratic culture</b> Examples from practice <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Natia Natsvlishvili, Head of International Relations and Strategic Communications, National Centre for Teacher Professional Development, Ministry of Education and Science &amp; Council of Europe EPAN expert for Georgia</li><li>2. Salvador Sala, Head of Curriculum Unit, Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Andorra</li><li>3. Christopher Textor, Deputy Director-General for Schools at the Hessian Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Member of the School Committee of the Standing Conference (KMK) for Hessen, Germany</li></ol> <b>Moderator:</b> Michael Remmert, Head of the Education Policy Division, Council of Europe  <b>Discussion</b>

<p><b>12:00 – 12:15</b></p>	<p><b>Closing of the high-level segment</b></p> <p>Sabine Rohmann, Pädagogisches Landesinstitut Rheinland-Pfalz &amp; EPAN expert for Germany          Maria Fassari, Chair of the CDPPE, Head of the International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece          Matjaž Gruden, Director of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe</p> <p><b>School video:</b> ‘No Fake’, EPAL Korydallou, Greece</p>
<p><b>12:15-14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p> <p><b>School video:</b> ‘Think critical, think twice!’, Educational Association №6, Kropyvnytskyi, Ukraine</p>
<p><b>EPAN meeting (Thursday 14:00 – 17:15 and Friday 9:15 – 12:30 CEST)</b></p>	
<p><b>14:00-14:15</b></p>	<p><b>Training the teachers - Food for thought</b></p> <p>Sabine Rohmann</p>
<p><b>14:15-15:15</b></p>	<p><b>The teachers’ voice: addressing challenges to strengthening democratic culture in schools</b></p> <p>Teacher 1 Valentina Uitto, Finland          Teacher 2 Kristina Fischer, Germany          Teacher 3 Natalia Kidalova, Ukraine</p> <p>Moderator: Katerina Toura, Programme Manager, Education Policy Division, Council of Europe</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>15:15-15:45</b></p>	<p><b>Health break</b></p> <p><b>School video:</b> ‘European elections – Realschule plus Saarburg, Germany</p>
<p><b>15:45-16:15</b></p>	<p><b>The RFCDC WG on Training – Developments / main documents</b></p> <p>Claudia Lenz, Professor at the Norwegian School of Theology &amp; EPAN lead expert          Călin Rus, Director of the Intercultural Institute of Timișoara, Romania &amp; EPAN lead expert</p>
<p><b>16:15-17:15</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel workshops</b>  <b>Teacher training systems in member States and training on the RFCDC</b></p> <p>Facilitators:          WG 1: Celia Baró, Professor, College of Education, University of Andorra</p>

	<p>WG 2: Ann Dejaeghere, Policy Advisor, Flemish Department of Education and Training, Belgium</p> <p>WG 3: Rolf Gollob, Professor at the Zürich University of Teacher Education &amp; Council of Europe EPAN expert for Switzerland</p> <p>WG 4: Patricia Hladschik, Head of 'polis-the Austrian Centre for Citizenship Education in Schools' &amp; Council of Europe EPAN expert for Austria</p> <p>WG 5: Natia Natsvlishvili, Head of International Relations and Strategic Communications, National Centre for Teacher Professional Development, Ministry of Education and Science &amp; Council of Europe EPAN expert for Georgia</p>
	<p><b>End of working day</b></p> <p><b>School video:</b> 'Democratic School BBS Neustadt', Berufsbildende Schule (Vocational school), Germany</p>
<p><b>Friday 16 April 2021</b></p>	
<p><b>9:15-9:30</b></p>	<p><b>School video:</b> 'Fostering a democratic school culture', Technical School Bor, Serbia</p> <p><b>Validation and piloting of the Council of Europe RFCDC training modules</b></p> <p>Introduced by Michael Remmert and Claudia Lenz</p>
<p><b>9:30-10:30</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel workshops</b></p> <p><b>Planning the validation of the Council of Europe RFCDC training modules</b></p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>WG 1: Luisa Black, Education Consultant &amp; Council of Europe expert, Portugal</p> <p>WG 2: Caroline Gebara, Head of Development, European Wergeland Centre</p> <p>WG 3: Ted Huddleston, International Consultant in Civic and Citizenship Education, Young Citizens, United Kingdom</p> <p>WG 4: Liz Moorse, Chief Executive Association for Citizenship Teaching, &amp; Council of Europe EPAN expert for the United Kingdom</p> <p>WG 5: Olena Styslavaska, Teacher Trainer &amp; Council of Europe Expert, Poland</p>
<p><b>10:30-11:00</b></p>	<p><b>Health break</b></p> <p><b>School video:</b> 'Our democratic school', CEIP Manuel Foguet Vinaròs, Spain</p>
<p><b>11:00-11:30</b></p>	<p><b>The Council of Europe Repository for RFCDC implementation</b></p> <p>Tamar Shuali Trachtenberg, Senior Lecturer, Catholic University of Valencia, Spain &amp; member of the RFCDC WG on Training</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>

<p><b>11:30-12:15</b></p>	<p><b>Reporting back and conclusions from workshops</b></p> <p>Rapporteurs:  WG 1: Bernt Gebauer, Hessian Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs &amp; Council of Europe EPAN expert for Germany  WG 2: Ólafur Páll Jónsson, Professor, School of Education, University of Iceland  WG 3: Kristina Kaihari, Counsellor of Education, Finnish National Agency for Education &amp; Council of Europe EPAN expert for Finland  WG 4: Lilia Parhomenco Senior Consultant, Ministry of Education, Culture and Research, Moldova  WG 5: Ilze Saleniece Senior expert in Education Policy, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>12:15-12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Closing of the meeting</b></p> <p>Michael Remmert, Head of the Education Policy Division, Council of Europe</p> <p><b>Video:</b> Interview, Esther Bejarano, Auschwitz survivor</p>