

EUCLASS Alliance: bridging EU Vocational Schools for EU Education

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Summer School Programme



Agenda: EUCLASS Alliance Summer School 2025

Date: September 2 – 6, 2025

Place: AKMI, Athens, Greece

Target Audience: VET educators from Estonia, Finland, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands and Spain

Participants: 25-30

Goals

- Deliver immersive training on integrating EU content into VET programs
- Promote collaboration and idea exchange among educators
- Build capacity to teach EU citizenship in inclusive and engaging ways
- Co-create lesson plans, activities and materials tailored to vocational schools

Participants will learn

- How to integrate EU-related topics into VET curriculum
- Inclusive strategies for diverse classrooms
- Innovative teaching methods
- How to collaborate on educational resource development
- Ways to boost student engagement with EU values

Expected results

- Set of ready-to-use lesson plans and activities
- Enhanced professional teaching skills
- Strengthened international network of VET professionals
- New perspectives on EU citizenship education

PRE-TASKS

For smoother on-site discussions, it would be useful to invite:

- › **Groups:** each partner to discuss, for instance during their trip to Athens, the following question, so that they can choose a participant to present their context on Day 1 in about 5min to the other groups. ***“Do you teach EU values already, and if so, how? What are your main challenges in that regard?”***
- › **Participants:** in case some participants are already experienced enough with teaching EU topics in their classrooms and use specific activities to do so, they should bring any relevant material along (e.g. a PDF with instructions, an EU card game etc).

Programme Overview

Tuesday, 2 September 2025 – Arrival Day

- Participant arrivals and check-in at accommodation
- Free time to visit the city

Wednesday, 3 September 2025 – Opening Day

Timing	Activity	Lead
9:30	Welcome & Registration	AKMI
10:00	Introduction to Programme & Objectives	AKMI / ENAC
10:30	Icebreaker & Team-building	Elie & Lilika
11:00	Break	
11:30	Getting into the topic: Roundtable about partners & participants' know-how and challenges to address EU values at school - "Keynote speakers": Teachers with experience in teaching EU values in VET will share their insights. • Lilika Trikalinou (Greece) • Taavi Tuisk (Estonia) • Gabrielle Copini (The Netherlands) - Roundtable "Experiences & Challenges": with the remaining time, inviting each group/partner to present, in about 5min each, the state of the art in their context. Do they teach EU values already, and how? What are their main challenges in that regard? This would allow us to get some details already to build upon in the next sessions.	Elie & Lilika
12:30	Lunch	

14:00	Session 1 Immersive Training Participants will engage first-hand in non-formal education methods focused on raising awareness about the European Union. Through experiential learning and guided discussions, they will reflect on the core principles and advantages of using non-formal methodologies for addressing complex topics such as the EU.	Elie & Lilika
17:00	<i>Free time</i>	
20:00	<i>Social Dinner - Kanela restaurant</i>	

Thursday, 4 September 2025 – Co-Design Day

Timing	Activity	Lead
9:30	Energizers & Intro to the day	Lilika & Elie
10:00	Session 2 Capacity-Building This session will explore and discuss a variety of non-formal activities aimed at raising EU awareness, adapted for VET students of different age groups. Participants will review complementary resources, including digital and online content, and discuss their respective benefits, appropriate use contexts, and how they can support and enhance one another.	Lilika & Elie
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00	Session 3 Co-Designing Tailored Solutions Through collaborative brainstorming and guided facilitation, participants will co-create practical strategies to integrate the explored activities and resources into their specific teaching environments. Considerations will include class profiles, student age groups, national educational frameworks, time constraints, and opportunities for thematic alignment within existing curricula.	Lilika & Elie
16:45	<i>Leave the venue to visit to Ancient Agora (17.30-19.30)</i>	
20:00	<i>Social Dinner - NiKIFOROS restaurant</i>	

Friday, 5 September 2025 – Reflection & Wrap-Up

Timing	Activity	Lead
9:30	Energizers & Intro to the day	Lilika & Elie
10:00	Fine-tuning and/or Presentations of participants' "EU-teaching Strategies"	
11:30	Next Steps	ENAC / KRTC / CSV
12.00	Feedback & Evaluation Session	EUROCULTURA
12:30	Lunch	
(...)	Free time or departures	

Saturday, 6 September 2025 – Departure Day

- Departures

Facilitators & Trainers

Elie Demerseman first started his journey into raising awareness about the European Union at the YES Forum in 2016 as a European Voluntary Service, before working at its secretariat for several years. Through numerous European projects, he built an expertise as a trainer and facilitator in international youth activities, with a strong focus on inclusion, leading him to experiment many ways to include young people with a disadvantaged background in an international context. Since he moved back to his native France in 2019, Elie has remained very active within the YES Forum network, supporting it as an external Trainer & Facilitator in a variety of youth activities such as Erasmus+ projects. He has in the meanwhile developed a local activity as a freelance Consultant in EU projects in order to support grassroot NGOs in getting access to European funding in his area.

Lilika Trikalinou is the Managing Director of IEKEP – Institute of Training & Vocational Guidance in Greece, a position she has held since September 2011. A trained sociologist, she holds a BA from The American College of Greece (Deree) and an MSc in Sociology from the London School of Economics. With more than 25 years of professional experience, Lilika has overseen IEKEP's strategic operations, research initiatives, project management and curriculum development. In addition to her leadership at IEKEP, she serves on the Board of the Youth European Social Work Forum (YES Forum), collaborating with key European stakeholders. In this role, she contributes to strategic planning, supports youth empowerment efforts, and co-develops programmes and publications that strengthen the field of youth social work across Europe.