Embracing Digital Transformation
Workshops programme

Day 1 (29 September)
Session 2: 14.00 - 16.00

Workshop 1
Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality
- focus on training and employment

Speakers:
- Nicola Rosa: Global Head of Immersive Learning, Accenture (UK)
- Simon Uytterhoeven, VDAB Flanders (BE)
  - AI in employment services
- Fundación Intras (ES)
  - https://www.workingage.eu/ project

Artificial intelligence and virtual and augmented reality are increasingly used in training and employment, facilitating experiential and personalised learning and even analysing and improving work processes and environments.

The aim of the workshop is to discuss the latest trends and practices in VR and AR, for participants to understand how they might best use these tools in their own work and support people with a disability.

Moderator:
- Robert Schaffner, Director and Founder at Triangility

Workshop 2
Crowdsourcing innovation through hackathons

Speakers:
- David Pollard, Innovation Projects Manager at Rehab Group (IE), Moderator
- Colin Keogh, co-founder of The Rapid Foundation (IE)
- Veronika Kaska, Deputy Director at Astangu Vocational Rehabilitation Centre (EE)
- Frédéric Payet, Directeur Interrégional Grand Ouest, EPNAK (FR)

Crowdsourcing uses the wisdom of a group for a common goal. A hackathon is any event where people come together to solve problems and thus stimulates crowdsourcing.

This workshop will engage participants in exercises to demonstrate the workings of a hackathon. People who have organised and participated in them will also share their experiences for discussion. The aim is to show that hackathons are not as difficult to organise as you might think, and how they can be used to support digital innovation and improve services in a very short space of time.

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Day 2 (30 September)
Session 3: 10.00 - 12.00

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Learning & Innovating Together

Workshop 3
Assistive Technology

Speakers:

- David Banes – Director, Access and Inclusion Services (UK) Key trends in delivery of AT products and services
- Fondazione Don Gnocchi (IT)
- Fundación Intras (ES)
  - virtual snoezelen

In the last years, assistive, adaptive, and rehabilitative devices for people with disabilities or older people have become increasingly impactful and esssential. However, the work in this area involves continuous innovation, investment and updating.

The workshop will provide participants insights into trends in the delivery of AT, research on its impact, an example of a complete rehabilitation path from the first device choice to the A.T test, and a case study. The aim is to provide examples and good practices from which to take inspiration

Moderator:

- Laura Jones, Secretary General at EPR

Workshop 4
Digital Skills

Speakers:

- Jiří Braňka – Expert, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (GR)
- Brian Cochrane, EPALE (European Platform for Adult Learning in Europe)
- Sabina Lobato, Fundación ONCE (ES)
- The Social Integration State Agency (SIVA) (LV)
- Berufsförderungswerk Köln gGmbH (DE)

Digital skills are increasingly necessary to be able to access services, information and maintain relationships, as well find and maintain work in an increasing number of sectors.

The workshop aims to support participants in their understanding of current and future skills needs, and profile practical examples of programmes, projects and resources that could be integrated into participants' own work or organisation. Good practices from the perspectives of skills of both learners and staff will be discussed.

Moderators:

- Roberto Zanon, Senior Project and Policy Officer at EPR and Alicia Gomez Campos, Senior Public Affairs and Community Officer