



SAVE THE DATES!

UPDATES ABOUT EBSN ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN 2021

We are informing our members and partners about the latest updates regarding the organisation of the annual conference in 2021. At this stage, we would like to make a preliminary announcement, as some details of the event are still to be confirmed. Nevertheless, we feel now we can disclose to you all that the EBSN Secretariat, the network's Executive Committee, and - first and foremost - our co-organiser, the Maltese Directorate for Research, Lifelong Learning and Employability (DRILLE), are working to put in place the final details for an event that, if all goes well, will take place in **Malta on Thursday, October 28th and Friday, October 29th.**

With the current COVID situation still largely unsolved in many European countries, it has, as you know, been very difficult to plan for our annual conference. We could have decided already some months ago that it would again be a virtual one. We felt, however, that we all dreamt of being able to meet again face-to-face and we wanted to give that a chance. After a discussion with our Executive Committee, it was decided that we would organise **a hybrid conference**, with a focus on a presentational event, but opening it up where needed for colleagues who were unable to travel by ensuring streaming and virtual workshops too.

More details will be communicated to all when they are in place, but please do save the dates. In the meantime, we need to start preparing the program. We would like to follow up on the good results of our Call for Papers in previous years.

Call for Papers

The title of the conference is ***Innovation for Resilience - New approaches to basic skills provision in the post-COVID era.***

The Program Committee will welcome proposals for contributions on issues related to:

- flexible approaches to provision of basic skills training,
- blended learning, hybrid learning, multimedia learning,
- experiences and reflection on the use of digital devices for low-qualified adults,
- digital inclusion and basic skills,
- basic skills for resilience and a green future,
- new perspectives for the professional development of teachers of basic skills,
- frameworks, assessment, quality development for basic skills provision.



Presentation format: All proposals should be for contributions that can be presented either in a plenary presentational session or in parallel workshops that may be either presentational or virtual. The length of the presentation should be 20 minutes. Owing to the current restrictions and technical difficulties entailed, no Carousel will be organised this year.

Proposal format: All presented proposals must contain the title, an abstract, relevant resources and links to them, name, affiliation, and a short bio of the presenter.

Priorities: Proposals from members of the EBSN will be given priority. The Program Committee will also prioritize proposals from presenters who are reasonably sure of being able to travel to Malta.

Selection process: Received proposals will be evaluated by the Program Committee, consisting of the Secretariat, a representative of our Maltese hosts, and representatives from the EBSN's Executive Committee.

Please send your proposal to secretariat@basicskills.eu.

Important dates

Deadline for paper proposals	September 3 rd
Communication of approval of proposals	September 17 th
Conference registration open	September 20 th