



**EPALE NSS**  
**Conference 2020**  
**Concept note**  
Version 2.0

# EPALE NSS Conference 2020

## Objectives

- Tighten the relationship between the new CSS and the NSS for a productive collaboration in 2021 <sup>[1]</sup> <sub>[SEP]</sub>
- Provide NSSs with both a summary of 2020 and an overview of CSS plan for 2021.
- Gather feedback from NSSs on a few aspects of the project with a specific focus on 2021 themes, 2021 Community Conference and 2021 workplan.

## Participants

Org	Names/Comments	Min nb	Max nb
NSS	Max 3 participants per NSS (37)	38	114
CSS	Carmen Pana, Marian Chirnoaga, Stefan Morcov, Alexandra Craciunoiu, Brian Cochrane, Filippo Mantione, Guido Adragna, Elisabetta Degli Esposti Merli, Claudia D'Eramo, Altheo Valentini, Sara Saleri, Sandra Federici, Gina Ebner (TBC), Graciela Sbertoli (TBC)	10	14
EAC	Markus Rester, Wilhelm Vukovich	2	2
EMPL	Martina Ni Cheallaigh, Sofie Doskarova	2	2
EACEA	Florence Mondin, Ingrid Trauner, Mitch Ward, Panagiotis Karnavos (TBD)	4	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>136</b>

## Methodology

The conference will be held online, over **2 half days** – the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2020** – from 10 to 13 CET with breaks of 15 minutes on each day.

We will use ZOOM platform as it is easy to use and has all the features we need especially for carrying out the “collaborative groups” when it is needed to work with several smaller groups at the same times.



In order to guarantee an interactive approach in an online environment we are thinking about having a mix of plenary sessions and collaborative groups where NSSs will be split into groups to allow interaction among them.

Plenaries will be composed by short sessions (from 15 to 30 minutes maximum) carried out by different presenters on several topics. Collaborative groups will last about 1 hour each.

## Topics

The **plenaries** will be focused on general and specific topics concerning especially lessons learnt from 2020 and planning activities for 2021.

In details plenaries will be about:

- **EPALE 2020 Summary:** lessons learnt and results.
- **EPALE 2021 CSS Plan**
- **Update on the new Drupal 8 EPAL Website**
- **EPALE 2021 Thematic focuses**

The **collaborative groups** will consist of 5-6 groups of NSSs (depending on the number of participants) working in parallel on a specific topic. In this way we will be able to work with group of maximum 15 people and allow a bigger interaction between the NSS.

In details the collaborative groups will be about:

- **How to develop 2021 thematic focuses into practice:** specific sub-topics within the 2021 Thematic Focuses, ideas for promotion, exchanging ideas between NSSs and translation of contents.
- **“Educational resources on EPAL: courses catalogue, Erasmus+ space”:** discussion on the future development of EPAL concerning the online course catalogue, the Erasmus+ virtual mobility space and other planned activities (MOOCs, OERs).
- **Networking and building ideas:** the idea is to have several small groups of NSS on specific topics chosen by them (not necessarily EPAL itself) where they have the opportunity to share ideas among them. This idea comes from an explicit request by some NSSs to have networking spaces during events. We will of course first ask them whether they find this opportunity useful in an online setting or not and then ask them to suggest topics in advance for the CSS to organise the NSS registration to a specific topic/group.

*If not suitable after having discussed with the NSSs, these collaborative groups could be replaced by others on 2021 edition of the Community Stories and 2021 Community Conference.*



# Draft Agenda

## 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

### Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Day 1

09.30-10.00	Open virtual room (Zoom)
10.00-10.15	Welcome by the Commission
10.15-10.30	<b>EPALE 2020 Summary:</b> lessons learnt and results. (10 min) + Q&A (5 min)
10.30-11.00	<b>2021 CSS Plan</b> (20 min) + Q&A (10 min)
11.00-11.25	<b>Update on the new Drupal 8 EPAL Website</b> (20 min) + Q&A (5 min)
11.25-11.40	<b>Break</b>
11.40-12.40	<b>Collaborative groups “Educational resources on EPAL: courses catalogue, ‘ErasmusSpace’”</b> (60 min)
12.40-13.00	<b>Presentation of results of the collaborative groups</b>

### Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Day 2

09.30-10.00	Open Zoom
10.00-10.10	Opening and presentation of the agenda
10.10-10.30	<b>EPAL 2021 Thematic focuses</b> (20 min)
10.30-11.30	Collaborative groups <b>“How to implement 2021 thematic focuses into practice”</b>
11.30-11.45	Break
11.45-12.30	Collaborative groups <b>“Networking and building ideas”</b> (60 min) or <b>“2021 Community Stories and 2021 Community Conference”</b>
12.30-12.50	<b>Presentation of results of the collaborative groups</b>
12.50-13.00	Final remarks and closing

