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University Lifelong Learning: A Systemic Reform for the European Higher Education Area

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DAY 1 – Sunday, 22 November, 2026
Arrivals and Dinner/Networking

18:00	Dinner and networking

DAY 2 – Monday, 23 November, 2026
European ambition: From Lifelong Learning to Systemic University Lifelong Learning (ULLL) Reform

09:00 – 10:00	Registration & welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:20	**Opening** *Valer-Daniel Breaz*, University of Alba Iulia, Romania: EU.ACE European University for Academic Continuing Education: The case for ULLL as a fourth key commitment of the Bologna Process, the Romanian perspective
10:20 – 10:45	**Setting the scene: Why ULLL, why now, why the Southeast-Europe perspective?** *Daniel-Mihai Melinte,* University of Alba Iulia, Romania: What European higher education institutions need to make the Union of Skills work. How policy and trusted guidance can help translate commitments into practice.
10:45 – 11:30	**Keynote: ULLL and the European Policy Agenda** *Patrick Werquin*, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, France: What higher education institutions can contribute to a European ULLL system: focus on Recognition and Validation of Prior Learning (RVPL), qualifications and qualifications frameworks, and micro-credentials
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:30	**Interactive working panel I**: ULLL and regional partnerships *Séamus Ó Tuama*, University College Cork, Ireland in conversation with *Simona Lidia Sava,* West University of Timișoara, Romania *(pending)* and *Balázs Németh,* University of Pécs, Hungary *(pending)*

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13:30 – 15:00	**Lunch**
15:00 – 16:30	**Interactive working panel II**: Recognition and Validation of Prior Learning (RVPL) *Patrick Werquin*, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, France in conversation with *Lori Petruskevich,* Educational Consultant, Ireland and *John West,* Expert Education and Skills, England
16:30 – 16:45	Coffee break
16:45 – 18:15	**Interactive working panel III**: ULLL, micro-credentials and Certificates of Advanced Studies: design, quality assurance, recognition, stackability and pathways to advanced university level LLL qualifications *Monica Bravo Granström*, Weingarten University of Education, Germany in conversation with *Teresa Torregrosa*, University of Alicante, Spain, *Nikolas Hatz* Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary, and *Seraina Mohr,* Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Switzerland (flexible contribution; Panel I or III, to be confirmed)
19:00	**Dinner**

DAY 3

Departures

Follow-up activity: A workshop towards a methodological guide for Romanian universities, aligned with the May 2025 MEC framework, will take place 10–12 December 2026.