



5th DANTE NETWORKING & CONFERENCE

Learning Futures: Skills, Policies, and the Human Role in Europe's Adult Education

Hotel Admiral
Maršala Tita 139
51410 Opatija / Croatia
28 - 29 January 2026



Welcome to the 5th DANTE Networking & Conference Event

As we proudly celebrate the 5th edition of the DANTE Networking Event, we look back on a journey that has grown stronger with every year. What began as a small gathering of passionate educators and adult learning professionals has evolved into a vibrant European platform where ideas, experiences, and innovations meet. Each edition of DANTE networking event has brought new perspectives, deeper collaborations, and a growing community committed to shaping the future of adult education. This year, we continue that tradition under the theme “Learning Futures: Skills, Policies, and the Human Role in Europe’s Adult Education.”

Over two days in Rijeka and Opatija, we will explore how educators, policymakers, and organisations can together navigate a rapidly changing learning landscape, where digital transformation, skills development, and human values intertwine. Beyond discussions and presentations, the DANTE networking event remains true to its essence: connection, collaboration, and creativity. From inspiring keynote lectures and hands-on labs to informal networking moments, this gathering is an opportunity to learn from one another, build partnerships, and imagine together what the educator and learner of 2035 will look like. We are proud of how far we've come, and even more excited about what lies ahead.

Thank you for being part of this milestone edition of DANTE networking event. Let's continue to learn, connect, and create the future together.

Dante Team



27 January 2026 evening

PRE CONFERENCE GATHERING

“The Skills Lounge”

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DAY 1 - CONFERENCE

Educators, Algorithms, and Policies: Shaping the Future of Adult Learning in Europe

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| 09:30 - 10:00 | Registration |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Welcome note & introduction Opening moment - “The Skills Mosaic” - Interactive opening session |
| 10:30 - 11:15 | Keynote 1 “Educators or Algorithms? Learning and Human Development through Global Lenses” KATARINA POPOVIĆ Secretary General of the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE) |
| 11:15 - 11:45 | Q&A |
| 11:45 - 12:15 | Coffee break |
| 12:15 - 13:00 | Keynote 2 “Adult Education: are we fit for the future?” GRETA PELUCCO Senior EU Public Affairs Coordinator at the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) |
| 13:00 - 13:30 | Q&A |
| 13:30 - 14:30 | Lunch |
| 14:30 - 16:00 | Workshop: From Vision to Action- Teaching Profession 2035 1. Which skills are essential for the educator of the future? 2. Which changes in policy/funding/practice are needed to enable these skills? 3. How can the DANTE network support this transformation (projects, advocacy, training exchanges, peer learning)? |
| 16:00 - 16:30 | Collective reflection on day 1 |
| 19:30 | Cultural dinner “Taste, Talk & Dance” |



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DAY 2 – NETWORK & LAB DAY

Future in Practice: Co-Creation, Data, and the Educator of 2035

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| 09:30 – 10:30 | Workshop: Micro-credentials & Professionalization Pathways in Adult Education 1. What are the key features of micro-credentials under the EU Recommendation? 2. What are the main barriers to implementing micro-credentials in adult education? 3. What is the interaction between EQF, ESCO, European Digital Credentials (EDC), and the EU Digital Identity Wallet? |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | 1st rotating session round: - Experience policy-making - Recognizing Skills in Adult Education: Micro-credentials as Professional Capital |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | 2nd rotating session round: - Experience policy-making - Recognizing Skills in Adult Education: Micro-credentials as Professional Capital |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Moderator-led session conclusions |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | Final Networking & Connections Hour |
| 16:30 | Closing the event |



Our plenary speakers:



Katarina Popović, PhD is the Secretary General of the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE), Professor, at the Department of Andragogy at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, Serbia. She is also a visiting professor at several universities abroad. Dr. Popović serves as the President of the Serbian Adult Education Society and is a member of the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame. She has authored numerous publications, articles, and books in the field of adult education. Additionally, she is a certified trainer (Swiss) in adult education. She is currently the co-chair of the Academia and Education Stakeholder Group within the UN DESA HLPF system.



Greta Pelucco is Senior EU Public Affairs Coordinator at the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA). With a background in human rights, diplomacy, and corporate sustainability, she navigates European institutions to advance policies linking education, democracy, and social change. Her work examines how power operates through learning systems, how education can shape awareness or serve political agendas and turns this insight into strategies that strengthen civic participation and democratic resilience across Europe.



Our workshop facilitators:



Arianna Noera is an EU project consultant and project manager with an international background across Europe and Canada. She works on European initiatives focused on civic engagement, inclusive education, and innovative learning, with strong expertise in training design and capacity building. At CEIPES ETS, she contributes to projects on community development and digital innovation and delivers workshops on micro-credentials as tools to enhance flexibility and recognition in lifelong learning.



Noémia Justino is an EU Project Manager working at the intersection of higher education, international mobility, and educational innovation. At CEIPES ETS, she focuses on developing micro-credentials as tools to support flexible learning, clear recognition, and trust across educational and mobility contexts.



Ivana Tutić Grokša is a Project Manager at the Adult Education Institution Dante, with an academic background in Social Work. Her work focuses on research and project activities supporting disadvantaged social groups, combining academic research with practical experience in work with vulnerable populations.



Ivone Mataija is a Project Manager at the Adult Education Institution Dante, specialising in Erasmus+ projects in adult education and teacher training. Her work focuses on the design and implementation of workshops and curricula in the fields of media literacy, digital education, and innovative learning approaches.



Accommodation:

Special accommodation rates for **DANTE Network Event participants** are available at **Hotel Admiral******, Opatija.

Participants can book their stay **directly via the Liburnia Hotels website** at www.liburnia.hr by entering the promo code: **DANTE2026** after selecting their dates.

The booking deadline is 12 January 2026, or until all rooms are filled.

Guests who wish to pay in advance by pro forma invoice should complete their booking on the website and select “payment by pro forma invoice” at the final step. Please note that invoices must be paid at least 10 days before arrival, otherwise the reservation will be automatically cancelled.

Registration and fees

The participation fee is **280 euros**, which covers only part of the total event costs. Upon registration, please proceed with the payment and we will send an invoice for the participation fee.

Please note that accommodation and travel expenses are not covered by the participation fee.