

Empowering societies through Education and Skills for the Twin Transition

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AGENDA

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- **Introduction to the session** (Neza Repansek - European Economic and Social Committee (EESC))
- **Adult learning, ageing societies and the green transition** (Andrea Bernert-Bürkle, Head of EU Projects, Baden-Württemberg e.V and partner in SMALEI)
- **New skills empowerment among older people** (Susanne Dobner, queraum, Coordinator of SEE U project)
- **Learning cities as intergenerational example/ another example of inclusion at regional and local level** (Kieran McCarthy, Lord Mayor of Cork, Cork City Council and CoR Member)



Kieran McCarthy,
Lord Mayor of Cork,
Cork City Council
and CoR Member

Kieran McCarthy is an Independent member of Cork City Council, Ireland and is currently Lord Mayor of Cork. In January 2015 and January 2020, Kieran was appointed by the Irish Minister for the Environment and Local Government to be an Irish member on the European Committee of the Regions (CoR). Kieran holds membership of the CoR's Commission (sub-committee) for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC). Within SEDEC, Kieran champions the new EU Skills Agenda, informal and formal education, lifelong learning, culture, science and innovation in regions and cities, cities and regions of the future, youth and sport, and socio-cultural effects of IoT.



Neza Repansek -
European Economic
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Neža Repanšek is a member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) since October 2020. She is active in the Bureau of the EESC, Group III (Diversity) Bureau and the External relations (REX), Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship (SOC) and Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment (NAT) sections, ad-hoc groups (Ad Hoc group to COP 27 and Ad Hoc Group on the Year of Youth), as well as a rapporteur on opinions and a contributor to work in study groups. Proactively, Neža has supported EESC activities within Slovenian Presidency in 2021, and in 2022 continued with the same proactive approach with our non-formal group on youth, which supported the implementation of Year of Youth activities.



Susanne Dobner,
queraum
(Austria)

Susanne Dobner studied Sociology and Urban Studies in Vienna and Amsterdam and has been a researcher at queraum. cultural and social research since 2019. Over the past ten years Susanne has been implementing, coordinating and developing projects on national and EU-level. Her main areas of work are age-friendly cities and neighborhoods, social and digital participation and health promotion for all ages.