

## Council of Europe Conference

### “Competences in Action”

#### RFDC: moving towards a competence-based approach to teaching and learning

Thursday 14 November 2019

Parallel Rotating Workshops

Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (RFDC):

the key tool for a democratic school culture

### Workshop: RFDC Descriptors

<b>Background</b>
<p>Volume 2 of the RFDC includes a set of validated and scaled descriptors which are offered to education professionals to be used in the design, delivery and evaluation of education activities, as well as in assessment, for learners aged above ten.</p> <p>A more reduced set of descriptors, relevant for children under ten years old, was piloted during the previous school year and is going to be publicly presented for the first time in this conference.</p> <p>The RFDC also mentions some of the benefits and potential risks associated with the use of the descriptors. Several experiences exist already with regards to the practical use of descriptors for designing teaching and learning activities, for assessment and for the design of teacher education programmes.</p>
<b>Main objectives</b>
<p>The workshop aims at supporting participants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- understand and reflect on the benefits and potential risks of the use of CDC descriptors in different aspects of teaching, learning and assessment and at different levels of the education system.</li><li>- identify concrete and practical ways of using descriptors in a school setting</li><li>- reflect on what they can do to integrate the use of the CDC descriptors in their educational practice and to promote their use among peers.</li></ul>
<b>Expected Outcomes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clarifications regarding the benefits and potential risks of using CDC descriptors in various aspects of school life</li><li>• Ideas for innovative approaches and ways to use descriptors in a school setting</li></ul>

- Ideas on how participants can use CDC descriptors in their work and promote the use of the CDC descriptors in their schools and education systems
- The identification of possible strategies for addressing these challenges (at the school level as well as in the Council of Europe)