

Committee on Education for Democracy – webinar series #4

“The role of VET”

Wednesday, 11th March 2025

Report

Following up on the report from the first two years of the work of the Committee on Education for Democracy where some gaps had been identified notably in the VET sector and in ECEC, the committee has tried to find good practices from these sectors to be able to develop recommendations for the Council of Europe and the member states that are based on concrete examples on what would need to be changed and how this could be implemented to foster democratic ways of thinking and living through the lifecycle starting from the early years passing through childhood and adolescence and arriving to adulthood up to old age.

In this 4th webinar we learned about young people in Vocational Education and Training and the importance of fostering democratic experiences and participation in decision-making processes to avoid feeling left-out and not being seriously considered by society. Our speakers presented examples from two different Italian regions and explained the ideas behind their initiatives as well as the practical implementation in their settings, going beyond just a learning experience and making it an essential part of cultivating citizenship skills within the historical-social context. They also stressed the vital importance of a holistic and collaborative approach beyond the educational setting cooperating with the community and other stakeholders.

Speakers:

- Valentina Gaburro, ENAIP Veneto, “Sindaco in classe” initiative
- Germano Nervo, ENAIP Piemonte, ETS educational model - "Felicemente a Scuola" initiative

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