

Dear Sir/Madame,

Hereby we would like to invite you to the Mid-way conference on the topic of Future research, held at the Budapest Metropolitan University. The event is organised in the frame of an Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership project called **'Foresight'** implemented by an international collaboration among universities from Turkey, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain and Hungary.

Date: **June 05, 2020**

Venue: **Budapest Metropolitan University**
(main campus building, 1-9 Nagy Lajos Király st.)

Please, see attached the detailed agenda!

Sincerely yours,

Mid-way Conference

Programme and Agenda

Venue: Budapest Metropolitan University (METU)

Date: 05 June, 2020

Participants: 50 international and 50 national academics, teachers, students, professionals, industrial partners, other stakeholders

Focus/aim: the objective of the project is to develop teaching modules that enable our students to look to the future and to develop innovations based on those futures that are not only commercial sound, but also are socially right and are sustainable. In addition, we want to develop an instrument by which we can monitor the 'future consciousness' or 'future orientation' of our students by translating the concept of 'Grand Societal Challenges' into a workable concept that we can use as inspiring point of departure of our foresight and innovation processes.

The Mid-way conference is to disseminate the progress on the project Foresight. By the time of the event, we will have already completed the first intensive program, the teacher module, and the online platform. Hence, we will share the first experiences and results to stakeholders and other participants and to disseminate the progress of the project.

The main questions are: How will the future world look like? Do we want a world where the quality of life is good for everyone? Then we will have to act now and solve complex problems such as aging, waste, food issues etc.

Agenda

PART I. 10.00 – 11.50

Opening Session

Welcome and Opening Address 15'

Including the speech of Prof. Dr. Bálint Bachmann (Rector of METU), the speech of Oguz Demir the project coordinator who will present the project, and the speech of Ferenc Kiss, Vice-Rector of Innovation of METU as the moderator of the conference

Keynote Speech 25'-25' (75')

Planned:

1. Prof. Dr. Zoltán Oszkár Szántó from Corvinus University of Budapest, Social Futuring Center
Topic: Social Futuring - Beyond Resilience and Future Proofing (<http://socialfuturing.com/>)
2. Prof. Dr. Ozcan Saritas, Higher School of Economics, Institute for Statistical Studies and Economics of Knowledge / Department of Educational Programmes, Moscow
(<https://www.hse.ru/en/org/persons/26823039>)
3. Patrick van der Duin, Director of the Netherlands Study Centre for Technology Trends
(<https://stt.nl/about-stt/>)
Topic: post COVID scenarios

Moderator: Ferenc Kiss

During the Welcome and Keynote Speech the participants collect key concepts via Mentimeter creating word cloud. The experts on the Welcome and Keynote Speech analyse the word cloud emphasizing some key concepts as the frame of the day. 10'

Q&A 20'

PART II. 11.50-13.00

Partners' speeches

Topic: How is the content of the project beneficial for the stakeholders, the industrial partners, the academics and the students as the four main target groups? – Speeches by 1-1 experts of the partner HEIs 10-10' (50')

Academics: How can be the results of this course (Future research) embedded into HEI's educational portfolio?

Industrial partners: How can they contribute to the Future research and education in HE?

Students: What kind of expectations do they have during their HE courses?

Teachers: What kind of challenges do they have in Future research education?

Q&A 20'

PART III. 13.00-14.00

Presentation on the developed online platform with project specific content and e-learning materials (introduction and discussion) 40'

Q&A 20'

PART IV. 14.00-14.15

Closing session

Oguz Demir 10': summary and next steps in the project implementation

Closing thoughts (Ferenc Kiss) 5'

Participants

Delegation of the partners: min. 10-10 persons (apart from project staff) are expected

From Hungary: academics, students and teachers from other HEIs, industrial partners

Other decision makers: from Ministries concerned (HU) and colleagues from Tempus Foundation (Hungarian National Agency of Erasmus+ programmes)

Considering the pandemic situation, the conference will be held online.

No physical attendance is required!