

Global Career Education Forum |20-21 April 2026 | Brussels

Shaping Students' Career Readiness and Future Skills Through Partnerships

Agenda

Day 1 - April 20th | Setting the Vision & Exploring Systemic Change | 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Hotel NH Brussels EU Berlaymont Jean Rey 1+2+3 meeting room at the hotel (floor -1)

Time Day 1	Activity
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Participants' arrival and registration & Networking
2:30 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.	Opening Session: A Shared Vision for the Future of Career Education Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Kopp - CEO, Teach For All Hanka Boldemann - Executive Director Global Philanthropy, JPMorgan Chase
3:05 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.	Keynote: Global Evidence on Career Readiness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hannah Kitchen - Senior Policy Analyst, OECD Education & Skills
3:50 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.	Panel: Europe's Future of Work: Driving System Change Moderator: Xavier Prats Monné, Former Director General for Education at the European Commission Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Chardon - Public & International Partnership Coordinator, Article 1 Julie Fionda - Deputy Head of Unit, Skills Agenda, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission Juan José Juárez - Senior Project Manager, Fundación Bertelsmann Banalata Sen - Global Head of GoTeach, DHL Group Heike Yürgüç - Head of Career Guidance, IHK Berlin
5 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	Day 1 Closing & Reflection
5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Networking Gathering

Day 2 - April 21st | Learning, Co-Creation & Action | 9:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

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Day 2 brings together leaders from education and career guidance, employers, and policy and research organizations to collaboratively address key challenges in career readiness. Participants will work in small cross-sector groups on Opportunity Areas shaped by two years of GCEN member and Future of Work Initiative insights, case studies, and shared learning from real-world practice. Using a Design Thinking-informed co-creation methodology, they analyze challenges, define actionable problem statements, and develop Minimum Viable Solutions (MVS). Presentations on multistakeholder partnerships and equity as cross-cutting considerations will inform solution design before groups begin building their MVS. The day concludes with group presentations, peer feedback, individual commitments, and a clear path for post-Forum follow-up.

Time Day 2	Activity
9:00 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.	Plenary Kickoff & Day Framing Opportunity Area Insights & Challenges Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology – Pedro Cunha - Programs Manager, Iochpe Foundation Measurement & Evidence – Jonas Fathy - Impact Director, Phineo Employer Engagement – Claudio Anjos - President, Iochpe Foundation Government Partnerships – Priyanka Sanghai - Jt Executive Director, Antarang Foundation
9:55 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Cross-Cutting Considerations Spotlight Multistakeholder Partnerships - Max Rowe - Associate Director Grants and Development, The Careers & Enterprise Company

Time Day 2	Activity
10:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	Transition into Opportunity Area Groups
10:25 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Explore Opportunity Area Focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Measurement & Evidence ● Government Partnerships ● Employer Engagement ● Technology
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Analyze Root Causes & Formulate Problem Statements
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Refine Insights & Identify Solution Opportunities
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Cross-Cutting Considerations Spotlight Ensuring Equity in Career Readiness - Tom Ravenscroft, CEO - Skills Builder Global
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Co-Create Minimum Viable Solution (MVS)
2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Reflect: Translate to Implications for Work & Programs
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Prepare Presentations
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Group Presentations & Peer Discussion
5:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	Individual & Group Actions + Collective Reflection
5:10 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Closing + Next steps
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner