

# Bridging the Gap: Empowering Young People's #TransitionToWork and Civic Participation

**Moderation: Jacki Davis**, Senior Adviser, European Policy Centre

14:00 **Welcome**

- **Dr Elke Kaschl Mohni**, Regional Director Southwest Europe and Delegate for European Affairs, Goethe-Institut
- **Magdalena Kirchner**, Director Europe, Stiftung Mercator (video message)

14:10 **StartNet – Highlights and achievements**

14:20 **Keynote address**

- **László Andor**, Former EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and Secretary General at Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)

14:30 **Panel on European policy and practice**

How to improve young people's transition from education to work? What are recent European achievements and what needs to be prioritised for the next legislative period?

- **Vânia Neto**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Massimiliano Mascherini**, Head of Social policies research unit at Eurofound
- **Natalia Kallio**, Board Member at European Youth Forum
- **Paolo Nardi**, Director of European Forum of Technical and Vocational Education
- **Tommaso Grossi**, Policy Analyst at the European Policy Centre

15:15 *Coffee break and StartNet highlight video*

15:20 **Breakout sessions**

What are inspiring practices and remaining challenges regarding young people's empowerment through education and for the labour market? Thematic working groups with idea givers and take-away messages for decision-makers on:

1. Addressing skills mismatch through career guidance
2. Youth Participation for Collective Impact
3. Skills for the green and digital transition
4. European (learning) mobility for transition-to-work

15:45 **Discussion of breakout outcomes & take-aways**

Presentation of graphic recording

15:55 **Closing and outlook**

