

Invitation

ENVISION

4.7

When: **November 5–7 2019**

Where: **Helsinki**

Bridge 47 cordially invites you to “Envision 4.7”. This event is a significant opportunity to envision how target 4.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals is implemented in Europe. The event will be opened by the Minister of Education of Finland, Ms. Li Andersson.



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Bridge 47 and over 200 European policy makers, academics, civil society representatives and others will gather in Helsinki to discuss, learn and plan for the future of this crucial target in Europe. “Envision 4.7” is organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland under the auspices of Finland’s Presidency of the EU Council.

Target 4.7 is an essential foundation for achieving the SDGs. Without transformative lifelong learning and value-based education we cannot hope to see the positive changes we strive for in our societies. “Envision 4.7” is an opportunity for us to celebrate the collaborative spirit of Europe, and to discuss and plan for the future implementation of 4.7.

Participants will work together to create a roadmap for the implementation of Target 4.7 in Europe. “Envision 4.7” is a space for learning, discussion, debate and networking. The goal is that we will come to better understandings and define the action steps required to turn Target 4.7 into a reality for Europe.

This is a participatory event that will include influential speakers, interactive workshops, crucial networking opportunities and more. If you would like to organise a workshop and/or share your publications at the event, please send an email detailing your request to Helsinki2019@Bridge47.org

Please [RSVP](#) by September 19th. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered by Bridge 47. We encourage you to register now while space is still available.

What is Bridge 47?

Bridge 47 was created to bring people together to share and learn from each other. We mobilise civil society from all around the world to contribute to positive transformation in societies through lifelong learning and Global Citizenship Education. Bridge 47 is supported by a project that is co-created by 15 European and global partners and funded by the European Union.



Concept Note

Europe has a long history of positive collaboration. This collaborative spirit, to come together and tackle shared challenges is now a part of the European culture. Europe is currently at a crossroads regarding numerous challenging areas, but we are confident that we can rise to these challenges and find realistic solutions that work in our time and context.

BACKGROUND

Our two-day event, in collaboration with the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture and Ministry for Foreign Affairs, will bring together around 200 participants to Helsinki in November. It focuses on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as they present a unique opportunity to intensify European cooperation to advance sustainable development and social justice. SDG Target 4.7 in particular, bound with the social, humanistic and moral purposes of education, is not only a target in itself, but rather precisely captures the importance and power of lifelong learning in achieving the global sustainable development agenda and transforming our societies – making them sustainable and inhabitable for future generations.

The European Commission is currently in the process of finalizing its SDG implementation strategy 2019–2024, and it has been recognized that a more holistic approach is needed for SDG implementation to be successful. We hope that this event will be the catalyst for securing political will to advance SDG target 4.7 in the new European Parliament (2019–2024), the European Commission, and beyond.

The Global Education Meeting, convened by UNESCO in December 2018 in Brussels, called for strengthened collective action to achieve SDG 4. It gathered Ministers, representatives of multilateral organizations, civil society, the teaching profession, youth and the private sector and identified a set of areas, requiring intervention for the effective achievement of the global Education 2030 agenda. These areas include strengthening education for global citizenship and for sustainable development.

At “Envision 4.7”, we will build on these commitments and focus on turning intentions into practice.

PARTICIPANTS

This event will bring together:

- Policymakers from European countries and institutions

- Representatives of international organisations
- Civil society working on transformative, value-based education from around the world
- Academia
- Others

PURPOSE

This event will bring together a range of stakeholders to discuss the way forward to intensified collaboration for implementation of the SDG Target 4.7. It is our hope that the importance of value-based education and education for active citizenship will be strengthened; the aspects and characteristics of Global Citizenship Education will be enshrined in European institutions, contributing to better policy coherence for SDGs as well as programmes and initiatives supporting lifelong learning in European countries. This will result in a more holistic approach to implementing the SDGs in Europe and beyond, and work towards individual, collective, and systematic transformation.

During Finland’s EU Presidency, we aspire to put SDG Target 4.7 and Global Citizenship Education at the heart of Europe’s agenda. Cooperating closely with the EU Presidency Project, we aim to work with the next two countries, Croatia and Germany, to include SDG Target 4.7 in their agendas as well. We thus hope that this event will set the tone for the newly formed European Parliament and Commission.

By the end of the event, we will have produced a roadmap for the achievement of the SDG Target 4.7 in Europe and solidified cooperation between policy makers and civil society representatives around transformative education.

EVENT STRUCTURE

The event will start with an informal reception on November 5th at 7PM, and it will conclude on November 7th at 4PM.

The programme will include the following elements:

- Keynote presentations
- Panel discussions
- Breakout sessions for working groups focusing on different elements of the roadmap
- Workshop sessions hosted by participants
- Showcasing opportunities through exhibition stalls
- Facilitated networking

Practical Information

REGISTRATION

Please note that participants are required to register for the event. Confirming your place at the global event is done by filling in [this registration form](#).

TRAVEL

Bridge 47 will reimburse the flight costs after the event for the participants based on the documentation (boarding pass, travel itinerary, proof of payment and invoices) and signed participation lists at the event. We are able to reimburse your flight expenses if you arrive and leave in less than 3 days before and after the event dates. For special cases, please contact us. Should the cost of the return travel exceed 500 euros (for those based in Europe), or 1000 euros (for those based outside of Europe), we ask you to contact our Communications and Events Trainee Maria Autio at maria.autio@bridge47.org to confirm the flight before purchase.

Local public transport to and from the airport will also be reimbursed retroactively against receipts and tickets. Taxi can only be reimbursed in exceptional circumstances, e.g. if there is no public transport available at your arrival time, and if agreed in advance.

We encourage you to download the HSL app, from where you can find your routes and buy tickets to public transportation in Helsinki very easily. You can find the app from [here](#).

We will send information on how to send us the reimbursement request after the conference.

ACCOMMODATION

Bridge 47 will cover hotel accommodation for two nights for the participants (5 and 6 November). We have pre-booked a number of hotel rooms in the Scandic Park Hotel (Mannerheimintie 46, Helsinki). We will not be able to book your hotel room before receiving your flight tickets and the itinerary at helsinki2019@bridge47.org, after your registration. We suggest that participants arrive on Tuesday 5 November, in time for the cocktail reception from 7 to 9 PM and depart on Thursday 7 November after the end of the programme (4 PM).

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference venue is called Kallion Kortteli and its address is Toinen Linja 14, 00530 Helsinki. It is close to the Helsinki city centre in an area called Kallio. The venue is accessible for people with reduced mobility.

MEALS

Breakfasts will be provided in the hotel. Lunch will be provided on both 6 and 7 November, as well as the dinner on 6 November. Please be informed that we cannot reimburse meals outside of these arrangements.

VISAS

Participants are asked to review the [visa information and requirements for their passports](#) to enter Finland and to follow the instructions on the website in case a visa is needed.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In case of cancellations/no-show, Bridge 47 will unfortunately not be able to return any costs related to one's participation at the conference.

QUESTIONS?

For any practical questions, please contact our Communications and Events Trainee Maria Autio at maria.autio@bridge47.org.

You can expect more detailed information about the programme and logistics in Helsinki to arrive closer to the event.