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## ALL ON BOARD

(CLEVER – ECIT JOINT CONFERENCE)

**When? Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2026**

**Where? European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels, Belgium**

### 10:00 | Welcome statement and Opening remarks

*Welcome statement: EESC Member Christa Schweng*

*Speakers: Michael McLoughlin, Rapporteur for the European Year of Youth and for the Youth Mobility Scheme; Brikena Xhomaqi, Director at Lifelong Learning Platform; Suzana Carp, ECIT Foundation co-founder.*

Introduction to the event's objectives. Presentation of the role of the EESC in supporting European Citizens' Initiatives (ECIs) and connecting EU institutions with organised civil society.

### 10:30 | Presentation of the CLEVER Project

*Speaker: Erasmus+ Coordinator Cettina Callea, from IIS E. Fermi (Licata, Italy)*

Overview of the CLEVER project's goals and partnerships, as well as its activities contribution in terms of transnational civic participation.

### 11:00 | Presentation of the All On Board: Your Golden Passport to the European Omnibus Initiative's Proposal

*Speaker: Suzana Carp, ECIT Foundation co-founder*

Introduction of the initiative, an ambitious ECI focusing on ensuring equality of access to European citizenship through civic education, mobility opportunities, and the mutual recognition of learning and qualifications across Europe.

### 11:15 | Presentation of the All On Board: Your Golden Passport to the European Omnibus Initiative's Strategy

*Speakers: Kirsti-Matleena Siitonen and National Coordinators, ECIT Foundation*

Presentation of the strategy, directly involving young people in its design and promotion.

The strategy focuses on the creation of Youth Task Forces across Europe – in both local and national teams. National Coordinators will present their role and work in this ECI.

**12:00 | “Erasmus+ must evolve from an opportunity for some into a right for all”**

*Speaker: MEP Leoluca Orlando, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance and a Representative of the European Commission (tbc)*

MEP Orlando will outline the European Parliament’s vision for making Erasmus+ more inclusive and accessible to all citizens, highlighting its role in promoting social cohesion, equal opportunities, and lifelong learning across Europe.

**12:30 | Lunch at the European Economic and Social Committee’s canteen**

**14:00 | Break out groups activities**

Students will split into two hands-on, highly interactive breakout groups, each focusing on a key aspect of our new ECI “All on Board”. These sessions are designed to be student-driven and creative, giving everyone space to decide, experiment, and build ideas together. After one hour, students will have the opportunity to rotate, allowing everyone to take part in both workshops.

*1) Building and leading a Youth Task Force: advocacy and funding strategies for the “All on Board” ECI*

How to organise, motivate, and coordinate young people to take action around the “All on Board” ECI. Participants will explore how Youth Task Forces can be effectively linked to advocacy and funding strategies. This workshop will explore practical ways to build strong local teams linked to the “All on Board” ECI and make youth voices heard at the European level.

*2) Creative communication for the “All on Board” ECI*

How to create communication campaigns for our new ECI. This group will brainstorm innovative outreach ideas, social media strategies, and storytelling tools to make the “All on Board” ECI accessible, relatable and engaging for young audiences.

**16:00 | Final discussion of breakout groups**

**17:00 | End of the Event**