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4 March 2020, 15:00 CET

Open Education Week webinar

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## Presentations & panel discussion

### Description:

Open education has a key role to play in potentiating social inclusion. As noted by the European Commission for education in general (but is particularly relevant for open education) it helps to establish common values key to such inclusion: human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law, respect for human rights, the rights of minorities. However, as also noted, it can be seen in most member states that there are challenges to such inclusion, namely: populism, xenophobia, divisive nationalism, discrimination, misinformation, and radicalization (that can lead to violent extremism).

In order to counter these problems, the promotion of citizenship education has been pursued over a period of years. However, the open educational content and practices necessary to teach the different paradigms of active citizenship are arguably still

difficult to find. The need to respect cultural diversity is important in the educational process since there isn't just one "model citizen". We need, therefore, to teach and support students, especially the younger generations, to appreciate the importance of active citizenship and achieve their participative role in society as a whole. In this webinar different aspects and examples of the role of open educational resources and practices for citizenship education will be considered and how they can be potentiated in the future.

**Moderator:** Timothy Read, UNED, EDEN Vice-president

**Presenters:**



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## Beatriz Sedano

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Beatriz Sedano has a Ph.D. in Education & Treatment of Languages through the ICT PhD program at UNED on LMOOCs and open education. She has worked at UNED for 3 years in an Erasmus+ project called MOONLITE developing MOOCs for refugees and migrants to build their language competences and entrepreneurial skills for employment, higher education, and social inclusion. Currently she is working on two Erasmus + projects at UNED as well: NEXUS, focused on digital civic education for migrant students; and ECCOE, a project aimed at supporting the recognition of digital credentials for an open and more flexible higher education.

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