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IACEE SYMPOSIUM 2026

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

9:00 - 12:30 CET

Cagliari, Italy

The symposium will have two workshops, aligned with the strands of the eucen annual conference: shaping society, shaping skills, shaping tomorrow.

Each workshop will be 90 minutes long, with a break in between.

SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP 1: shaping the Future of Engineering Education and Practice in Europe

(9:00 am - 10.30 am CET)

Narrowing the Skills Gap: Who needs to do what?

From green-tech talent shortages and curriculum design challenges to integrating AI literacy into engineering programs, this workshop tackles the defining pressures facing our field. Walk away with concrete frameworks, peer-developed recommendations, and a clearer picture of how your institution can lead the way.

Facilitated by:

- [Dirk Bochar](#), Secretary-General, Engineers Europe, Belgium
- [Robert Denes Prakash](#), CTO & Managing Director, Stanford Center for Professional Development, USA

SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP 2: Foreign Students in Rural Universities: Motivation, Integration, and Lifelong Learning (11:00 am - 12.30 am CET)

What makes an international student choose a smaller, regional university? How does lifelong learning evolve throughout their studies and into their careers? Drawing on compelling research from Hungary and insights from U.S. higher education, this workshop highlights transferable strategies for institutions of all sizes and contexts.

Facilitated by:

- [Dr. Aniko Kalman](#), Full Professor & Rector's Advisor, University of Nyíregyháza, Hungary
- [Anita Chawla](#), VP of Global Partner Success, Engageli, USA

Registration: USD 50 (includes both workshops)

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