

Invitation

The University of Cyprus invites you to the International Conference

Developing Educational Policies to Promote Formative Assessment: The Contribution of Educational Research

April 21 & 22, 2021
16:00-19:00 (GMT+2)
via ZOOM

organized under the ERASMUS+ Key Action 3 project* entitled “Promoting Formative Assessment: From Theory to Policy and Practice”

Assessment can be a powerful force for supporting learning and a mechanism for individual empowerment. Formative assessment in particular has been prevalent in the educational discourse over the past decades, shifting the attention towards assessment practices that aid the learning and teaching process. However, classroom assessment practice still appears to be outcome-oriented.

Thus, this conference is concerned with research on promoting formative assessment. The role of Teacher Professional Development (TPD) is stressed. Strengths and limitations of different approaches to TPD are identified. We argue for the importance of establishing stronger links between research on TPD and educational effectiveness research.

In this context, we critically discuss the theoretical framework of a European project aiming to promote formative assessment. Through this project, a framework for measuring teachers’ professional skills in assessment has been proposed and a TPD course on student assessment has been developed and evaluated by investigating its impact on improving teachers’ skills in assessment and on promoting student learning outcomes (cognitive and meta-cognitive). Thus, the main results of this project are presented. In addition, teachers share their experiences from participating in this project and different stakeholders draw implications of the findings of this project for improving policy and practice. Finally, researchers will explore the possibilities of utilising *theory-driven* and *evidence-based* approaches to design national policies on formative assessment in order to promote quality in education.

-  Certificates of Attendance will be given to all attendees.
-  Register to the conference (free of charge) **until April 20, 2021**, by following the link <https://ucy.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJorcOurrzkGdUmG7arVnWVS7R2hrKYDVrh>. After registering, you will receive an automatic email with the link for joining the conference.
-  For queries, please contact formas@ucy.ac.cy.
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