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This activity is part of the FEPS European Progressive Training Lab, in collaboration with:

Training of Trainers (ToT) on Social Democracy

Saturday, 7 November 2026 – Karl-Renner-Institut, Vienna

The objectives of this ToT training are to:

- Strengthen our capacity to design and deliver engaging training sessions on social democracy/ progressive messages
- Share methodologies, tools, and best practices for digital training design
- Draft a Training Manual on translating progressive academia to activists / citizens
- Foster collaboration and exchange within our pool of trainers (PoT)
- Prepare modules that will be run by the pool of FEPS trainers

Time	Session	Content & methods
09:00–10:00	**Session 1: Plenary** **Introductions** **Expectations** **Programme walk-through**	**Welcome:** FEPS team, goals of the weekend, link to the Vienna Cockpit and the Next Left Focus Group lectures. **Introduction round:** name, organisation, pronouns, favorite energizer, background and motivation summary. **FEPS ToT contract**: agreements for a productive, supportive and safe environment **Expectations & Programme walk-through**: one sticky note per expectation, cluster on the wall
10:00–10:45	**Session 2: Plenary** **Lecture V**	Lecture V - Felix Butzlaff, Europa Universität Flensburg/Germany **Think about**: what key points should (y)our target group need to know from this lecture
10:45–11:00	Coffee break	
11:00–12:00	**Session 3: Plenary** **FEPS training design in context**	Lecture summaries & take-aways (incl. Lecture 1 & 4) Think about A: contexts (framework, regional) Think about B: topics / research Think about C: the audience / target group (incl. objectives) Think about D: the format / materials / deliverables Participants input in training design Participant preferences & team groupings (3 or 4 teams)
12:00–13:00	**Session 4: In teams** **Explore topic** **Generate ideas**	Each team uses one or more of the lectures and turns it into a ready-to-use training manual for a given target audience and format. Lecture / Target group / Objectives / Context / Topic / Deliverable
13:00–13:45	Lunch	

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13:45–14:00	**FEPS Energizer**	Led by a participant.
14:00–15:30	**Session 5: In teams** **Select & develop ideas**	Developing your training and manual: from academic research to practical application
15:30–15:45	*Coffee break*	
15:45–16:30	**Session 6: Plenary** **Intervision & Test-run**	Teams briefly share outcomes of sessions 4 and 5 or do a short test run. Others give feedback and ask probing questions
16:30–17:30	**Session 7: In teams** **Creating a training**	Using peer feedback and participants' questions to create final training design
17:45–18:00	**Reflection**	Participants reflect on the work done
19:30	**Dinner**	Dinner at URBAN's Lounge Restaurant

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09:00–09:15	**Check-in & Energizer** **Programme walk-through**	Energizer led by participant / Group photo Share and discuss programme for Sunday
09:15–10:45	**Session 8: In teams** **Prepare for test-run** **Coffeebreak included**	Integrate peer feedback from the sharing sessions / test runs. Complete as many parts of the training as needed for a test run
10:45–12:15	**Session 9: Plenary** **Test run & peer review** 30' per team	Each team presents their training or does a test run of the proposed training. Feedback round and discussion for each proposal.
12:15–12:45	**Session 10: Groups** **A. FEPS Pool of Trainers: boosting its potential** **B. Regional dimensions of proposed trainings**	Discussion of outcomes and follow up: Split groups or as plenary discussion
12:45–12:55	**Evaluation** **Next steps**	Evaluation of ToT 2026 Agreements and next steps for delivering training modules
12:55–13:00	**Closing / Take-away Lunch**	Lunch will be available to take away.

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