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**Horizon Europe Link4Skills
Advisory Board Lecture Series**

*Mobility of International Students and Trainees into the EU
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by Prof. Tesselkje de Lange
European Migration Law
at Radboud University

June 17, 2025
16:00 CET
Online

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You are warmly invited to the lecture “***Mobility of International Students and Trainees into the EU: Cosmopolitanism meets Migration Management***” delivered by Prof. **Tesselkje de Lange**, a member of the Link4Skills Advisory Board. This event is part of the ongoing exploration of skill development for a resilient Europe within the framework of the Link4Skills project (<https://link4skills.eu/>), funded by the European Union (Horizon 2023).

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Registration open until June 15. Link: <https://forms.gle/bkymKCX6ufAM3ngn9>

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Abstract:

This lecture kicks-off with an assessment of legal migration pathways for international students and trainees into the EU. The international mobility of students and trainees was traditionally focused on cosmopolitanism and development goals which resulted in the EU Students and Researchers Directive. Retaining sought after international talents for EU labour markets was, and still is, a prominent policy goal. However, reflecting broader shifts in the policy and political environment, visa's for students and trainees have also come to be seen as a leverage and bargaining chips to enhance cooperation with third countries on migration management e.g. forced return. Notwithstanding, the lecture suggests ways forward for the EU towards a more global strategy for skills, development and migration.



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Discussants:
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Tesseltje de Lange is Professor of European Migration Law and Director of the Centre for Migration Law at Radboud University in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. She is an expert on labour migration policy, migrant worker rights, and legal practice. She published widely and speaks regularly on policy conundrums related to irregular and regular migration pathways into the EU. A renowned socio-legal scholar, De Lange serves as Principal Investigator on EU HorizonEurope projects DignityFIRM (www.dignityform.eu) on the rights of low-waged (irregular) migrant workers in European Farm2Fork sectors and HorizonEurope www.GS4S.eu, investigating the role of migration in addressing skills shortages in Europe. Her latest book was published with CUP in 2021 on *Money Matters in Migration*, and her work is published in amongst others the Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, the European Journal of Migration and Law, Work Employment and Society, International Migration, and Comparative Migration Studies.

***Dr. Julia Reinold** is a postdoctoral researcher at Erasmus University Rotterdam, specializing in high-skilled migration. She is currently working on the Link4Skills project, where she oversees a multi-country survey on skilled migrants' mobility experiences and aspirations. Until recently, Julia was also affiliated with Maastricht University's Institute for Transnational and Euregional cross-border cooperation and Mobility (ITEM), where she contributed to a study on the internationalisation of higher education in the Netherlands.*

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