

ACADEMIA 2026 PROGRAMME

From School to Adult Life: An Integrated
Guidance System

17-20 March, Barcelona

DAY 1 – Tuesday, 17 March

09:30 – 10:15 – Welcome Session at Department of Education and Vocational Training

Speakers:

Francesc Roca Rosell – Secretary-General for vocational training. Regional Ministry of Education and Vocational Training.

M^a Paz Sánchez Martínez. Director General of Planning, Innovation, and Management of Vocational Training. General Secretariat for Vocational Training. Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Sports

10:15 – 11:00 – Keynote Lecture: Integrated Vocational Education and Training System

Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Catalonia is organised at different qualification levels and combines theoretical learning with practical training in companies. It forms part of the Integrated Vocational Education and Training System, which coordinates initial VET and training for employment. This system enables flexible learning pathways and the recognition of competences acquired through work experience.

Speaker:

Asunción Manzanares Moya. Director of the Professional Guidance and Lifelong Learning Unit. General Secretariat for Vocational Training. Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Sports.

Míriam Milán Gómez – Deputy Director-General for Planning and Organisation of Vocational Education and Training. Regional Ministry of Education and Vocational Training.

11:00 – 11:30 – Brief stand-up participant introduction and overview of their national education systems

11:30 – 11:45 – Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:15 – Talk: Recognising the role of guidance as a pedagogical and transformative element across all educational stages. Reconnect-ES Project

The Reconnect-ES Project is an initiative aimed at reaching out to young people who have dropped out of education in Catalonia and providing them with personalised guidance to support their reintegration into the education and training system.

Speaker: Roser Cervera – Deputy Director-General for Guidance, Participation and Student Well-being. Regional Ministry of Education and Vocational Training.

12:15 – 13:30 – Networking session with vocational education and training (VET) guidance counsellors

13:30 – 15:30 – Lunch Time

15:30 – 16:00 – Transfer to Institut Escola del Treball

Departure point: Department of Education and Vocational Training, Via Augusta 202–226, Sarrià-Sant Gervasi, 08021 Barcelona

15:45 – 16:30 – Welcome session at Institut Escola del Treball

Speaker: Gemma Olmo – Principal of Institut Escola del Treball

16:30 – 17:00 – Lecture: Academic and career guidance from a gender perspective

The lecture will focus on the importance of incorporating a gender perspective into the academic and career guidance process, in order to identify and overcome gender stereotypes and biases that shape life trajectories.

Speaker: Anna Belén Fernández Viciano – Teacher and Education Officer at the Department of Education

17:00 – 19:30 – Presentation and immersive experience in the #EdtWomenDays Project: Inspiring future leaders in industry 4.0 and skilled trades through female talent.

The project aims to attract female talent to various industrial sectors by breaking down gender stereotypes. It represents a commitment to a more equal society, where talent and passion are the only requirements for professional success, with career guidance playing a key role in decision-making towards non-traditional educational pathways.

Speakers:

Lorena Ripoll – School Administrative Officer at Institut Escola del Treball

Roser Poblet – Head of Training and Career Guidance Department at Institut Escola del Treball

Day 2 – Wednesday, 18 March

08:30 – Transfer to Escola D’Enoturisme at Vilafranca del Penedès

Departure point: Department of Education and Vocational Training, Via Augusta 202–226, Sarrià-Sant Gervasi, 08021 Barcelona

10:00 – 10:30 – Arrival and welcome session at Escola d’Enoturisme

10:30 – 10:45 – Coffee break

10:45 – 12:15 – Presentation: A comprehensive overview of the FPCAT system and lifelong career guidance

Speakers:

José Luis Durán – Executive President of the Public Agency for Vocational Education and Training and Qualifications of Catalonia

Pilar Carballo – Education Officer at the Public Agency for Vocational Education and Training and Qualifications of Catalonia

12:20 – 13:45 – Visit to the Castellers de Vilafranca

Castellers are a traditional Catalan practice of building human towers, recognised by UNESCO. The activity highlights teamwork, coordination, and community spirit, and is a unique cultural expression of the region.

14:00 – 16:00 – Lunch at a traditional restaurant specialising in calçots, followed by a wine tasting

Calçots are a local type of sweet green onion, typically grilled and served with romesco sauce. The Penedès region is famous for its wines and cavas, offering insight into its culinary and viticultural tradition.

16:15 – 18:00 – Visit to Bodegas Torres

Bodegas Torres is one of the most renowned wineries in the Penedès region, known for its high-quality wines and commitment to sustainable viticulture. The visit provides insight into modern winemaking techniques and the economic and cultural importance of the local wine industry.

18:00 – 19:30 – Return to Barcelona (estimated arrival time)

*Please note that the afternoon schedule may be extended depending on the duration of the activities.

Day 3 – Thursday, 19 March

08:30 – Transfer to Palau de Mar Adult Education Centre

Departure point: Department of Education and Vocational Training, Via Augusta 202–226, Barcelona

09:00 – 10:30 – Presentation: Palau de Mar Adult Education Centre

Palau de Mar is an Adult Education and Training Centre offering lifelong learning opportunities for adults seeking to improve their education. The centre plays a key role in guidance and in enhancing personal and professional opportunities.

Speakers:

Núria Vallduriola – Director of Compulsory Education at the Barcelona Education Consortium
Agustí Rúbio – Head of Guidance and Support Services at Department of Education and Vocational Training

Xavier Aranda – Head of the CFA of the Barcelona Education Consortium

10:30 – 11:00 – Guided visit to Palau de Mar

12:00 – 13:30 – Presentation and visit at the Institute of Logistics of Barcelona

Talk: Map of Vocational Education and Training in Barcelona

The new reorganisation of Vocational Education and Training in Barcelona promotes a model of specialised and integrated centres organised by productive sectors. The objective is to enhance educational continuity, guidance and connections with the labour market.

Talk: Guidance Service of the Barcelona Education Consortium and Other Counsellors

This service supports schools in student guidance and in the transition from compulsory to post-compulsory education. It also provides personalised support to young people and families, collaborates with educational institutions, and promotes career and academic guidance.

13:30 – 14:30 – Short boat tour along the Barcelona waterfront

14:30 – 16:00 – Lunch at the Maritime Museum Restaurant (*not included*)

A reservation has been made by the organization team. Recommended but not compulsory.

16:30 – 18:00 – Visit to the Education Fair (Saló de l'Ensenyament)

The 35th edition of the Education Fair brings together the most comprehensive educational offer in Catalonia for the 2026–2027 academic year, with more than 250 exhibitors. At the stand of the Department of Education and Vocational Training, participants will receive information on curricular updates and non-university post-compulsory studies, as well as personalised guidance for students.

Speaker: Vicent Pastor – Education Officer at the Department of Education and Vocational Training

16:30 – 18:00 – Free Time

20:00 – Pick up at the Department of Education and Vocational Training

20:30 – Dinner at Viniteca Vinya Celler Masia (Carrer Mallorca 290, Eixample, 08037 Barcelona)

DAY 4 – Friday, 20 March

08:30 – Transfer to Porta22 Barcelona Activa (Barcelona).

Departure: Department of Education and Vocational Training, Via Augusta 202–226, Sarrià-Sant Gervasi, 08021 Barcelona

09:00 – 10:30 – Visit to Porta22 Barcelona Activa

Porta22 is a career guidance center run by Barcelona Activa that helps people explore careers and improve their job opportunities. It offers professional advice, training activities, and resources for job searching and career planning.

10:30 – 10:45 – Transfer to Passwork New Opportunities Centre

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Passwork is a New Opportunities Center in Barcelona that helps young people who left school early to continue their education or find a job. It offers free training, career guidance, and practical work experience. The program supports students in building skills and planning their future.

12:00 – 10:30 – Transfer to Catalan Public Employment Service

12:30 – 13:15 – Final assessment of the academia 2026 Program

Speaker: Daniel Rodríguez Arenas. Head of the Professional Guidance and Lifelong Learning Unit. General Secretariat for Vocational Training. Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Sports.

13:15 – 14:30 – Closing session: Debate on Future Challenges in Career Guidance

The closing session will bring participants together for a debate on the future challenges of career guidance. Speakers and attendees will reflect on the main ideas discussed during the event and exchange perspectives on how career guidance can better support young people and adults in a changing world.



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