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EUROPEAN VOCATIONAL SKILLS WEEK



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AGENDA – 7 November, 14:00 – 18:00

Welcome

Mara Brugia

Acting Director, Cedefop

Joost Korte

Director General, EC, DG Employment , Social Affairs and Inclusion

Christian Dorninger

Director General, Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research

Setting the scene

The future of VET in Europe – Main findings from Cedefop's research

Jens Bjornavold

Cedefop

Jörg Markowitsch

3S

The future of VET – Looking beyond Europe

Shyamal Majumdar

UNESCO-UNEVOC

Coffee break

16:00-18:00

Thematic workshop 1: Initial VET under pressure? Digitalisation, job polarisation and the future of mid-level skills

Some European countries are experiencing a drop in the number of young people attending initial VET. This has been interpreted as a forewarning of a polarised labour market where the traditional skilled worker is becoming less relevant. Starting with an overview of the most recent IVET enrolment trends, this thematic session will provide an opportunity for reflection on the relationship between the future of work and the future of VET, focusing on the potential contradiction between automation and increased need for personal services.

Moderator

Loukas Zahilas

Cedefop

Speakers

Tine Andersen

Danish Technological Institute (DTI), Denmark

Riikka-Maria Yli-Suomo

The Joint Authority of Education in the Espoo Region (Omnia), Finland

Donald Storrie

European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Eurofound)

Rapporteur

Mariya Dzhengozova

3S, Austria

16:00 - 18:00

Thematic workshop 2: Spotlight on continuing VET: the challenges posed by job transitions and longer working lives

The combination of an ageing society and rapid technological and social change means that countries increasingly need to develop operational and full-scale solutions to vocationally oriented lifelong learning. This requires potential reorientation of existing IVET provisions but also a stronger link to adult learning and continuing training taking place outside the formal education and training system. Given European countries' varied performance in this area, this thematic session will provide an opportunity for reflection on challenges and opportunities.

Moderator

Martina Ni-Cheallaigh

European Commission

Speakers

Veli-Matti Lamppu

The Finnish Association for the Development of Vocational Education and Training AMKE, Finland

Jose Antonio Viejo Rodriguez

Fundacion Laboral de la Construccion, Spain

Triin Roosalu

Tallinn University, Estonia

Rapporteur

Monika Auzinger

3S, Austria

16:00 - 18:00

Thematic workshop 3: Governing VET: finding the right balance between change and stability

VET's responsiveness to the labour market's and society's changing requirements is of key importance. Emphasis has been placed in recent years on the role of skills anticipation and intelligence in supporting the responsiveness of VET systems. In many countries there is also an ongoing discussion on how to balance central control and local autonomy, a balance that may influence the relevance and overall quality of provisions. This thematic session will provide an opportunity for reflection on key governance principles and challenges influencing European VET today.

Moderator

Vidmantas Tutlys

Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Speakers

Paul Oomens

MBO Raad, Netherlands

Terence Hogarth

Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini FGB, UK and Italy

Alena Zukersteinova

Cedefop

Rapporteur

Eleonora Schmid

Cedefop

16:00 - 18:00

Thematic workshop 4: VET at higher levels: the tension between academic and vocational drift

VET's expansion to higher levels is gaining speed. Both inside and outside traditional universities we can observe an increased focus on employability, the role of practice and work-based learning, and the need to establish a closer dialogue with relevant labour market stakeholders. Striking a balance between a vocational/professional approach (focus on employability and work-based learning) and a traditional academic approach (focus on abstract, theoretical knowledge) is of crucial importance to higher education in general. This thematic session will provide an opportunity for reflection on recent developments and discussion of future approaches.

Moderator

Anastasia Pouliou

Cedefop

Speakers

Karin Luomi Messerer

3S, Austria

Raimund Hudak

Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg, Germany

Hans Daale

Chain 5, Netherlands

Rapporteur

Simon Broek

Ockham-IPS, Netherlands

16:00 - 18:00

Thematic workshop 5: Vocational learning in the 21st century: challenges for traditional pedagogies and learning methods

Important parts of vocational education and training take as their starting point a 'situated' perspective on learning, where the individual learns by interacting with others in a real working situation. Progression from the periphery to the core of a relevant activity signals the move from novice to expert. The question asked in this thematic session is whether this perspective and approach can be combined with the scientific, research-based approaches underpinning increasingly specialised disciplines. How can VET combine its traditional focus on practice-based learning with an increasing reliance on research-based knowledge? Will these questions influence the way we organise and support vocational learning in the decades to come?

Moderator

Ramona David Craescu

Cedefop

Speakers

Petter Øyan

Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway

Peter Hybschmann

European Apprentices Network (EAN)

Svenja Zenz

Worldwide Practice Enterprise Network, Germany

Rapporteur

Maarit Virolainen

University of Jyväskylä, Finland

Thematic workshop 6: European cooperation in VET: time to move up a gear in a globalised world

VET policy has been part of the European project since its very start in 1957. European VET consists of a variety of distinct systems adapted to national, regional and local circumstances, which are seen as a guarantee of relevance and response to local labour market needs. At the same time, these systems are under pressure to respond to globalisation of technologies, labour markets, industries and sectors. European policies and programmes support Member States in preparing for the impact of international and global environments on national VET provision. While Erasmus+ mobility prepares individuals to work globally, EU tools are improving transparency between systems and qualifications. The question is whether increased European cooperation can better address the accelerating challenges. What should be the focus of European cooperation in the coming decade? What type of cooperation arrangements are needed to match national governance to growing European and international learning and working environments?

16:00 - 18:00

Moderator

Dana-Carmen Bachmann

European Commission

Speakers

Jenny Shackleton

World Skills

George Kostakis

Cedefop

Thomas Mayr

ibw Austria - Research & Development in VET, Austria

Rapporteur

Else Husa

Cedefop

AGENDA – 8 November, 09:00 – 12:45

The future of VET – Key messages from the workshops

Jens Bjornavold

Cedefop

The future of VET in Europe – Scenarios to 2035

General introduction on the scenario approach

Loukas Zahilas

Cedefop

Jörg Markowitsch

3S, Austria

Scenario 1 – Pluralist VET

Andrew McCoshan

UK

Scenario 2 – Distinct VET

Philipp Grollmann

BIBB, Germany

Scenario 3 – Marginalised VET

Anastasia Pouliou

Cedefop

Coffee

11:15 - 12:25	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Panel reactions to the presentation of the scenarios and the challenges/opportunities ahead.</p> <p>Margarida Segard European Association for VET institutes (EVBB), Portugal</p> <p>Cesare Onestini European Training Foundation (ETF)</p> <p>Loukas Zahilas Cedefop</p> <p>Frédéric Piccavet European Apprentices Network</p> <p>Robert Plummer BusinessEurope</p> <p>Agnès Roman ETUC</p>
12:25 - 12:45	<p>Conclusions – The way forward</p> <p>Manuela Geleng Director, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</p> <p>Jürgen Horschinegg Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research</p>