



VET in and for the World Conference

EUROPEAN VOCATIONAL SKILLS WEEK



2019 | 17 October, 14:00 – 17:30

Helsinki Hall (plenary) and Terrace Hall, Veranda 1-3 and Aurora Hall (parallel sessions)

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Moderation by Joao Santos, European Commission

TIME	EVENT
13:30 - 14:00	Registration
14:00 - 14:10	Introduction Mr Joao Santos <i>Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</i>
14:10 - 14:20	Opening speech Ms Marianne Thyssen <i>European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility</i>
14:20 - 14:35	Keynote address Ms Sayida Ounissi <i>Tunisian Minister for Employment and Vocational Training</i>
14:35 - 14:45	The Finnish Experience Mr Olli-Pekka Heinonen <i>Director General, Finnish National Agency for Education</i>
14:45 - 14:55	The Perspective of EU Neighbourhood Countries Mr Cesare Onestini <i>Director, European Training Foundation (ETF)</i>
14:55 - 15:00	Wrap up and introducing the parallel sessions Mr Joao Santos <i>Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</i>
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break (Helsinki Hall Foyer and Veranda Foyer)

TIME	EVENT
15:30 – 17:30	<p>5 parallel sessions:</p>
	<p>The Role of TVET in the Sustainable Development Goals Moderated by Jens Liebe, <i>UNESCO-UNEVOC</i> Room: Terrace Hall</p>
	<p>VET for local development and inclusion Moderated by Georgios Zisimos and Pirita Vuorinen, <i>ETF</i> Room: Veranda 1</p>
	<p>International mobility of learners and staff Moderated by Joao Santos, <i>European Commission</i> Room: Veranda 2</p>
	<p>International qualifications and standards Moderated by Jens Bjornavold, <i>Cedefop</i> Room: Veranda 3</p>
	<p>International cooperation on VET research Moderated by Madlen Serban Room: Aurora Hall</p>



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Parallel session 1: The Role of TVET in the Sustainable Development Goals

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Parallel session 1: The Role of TVET in the Sustainable Development Goals

Moderation by Jens Liebe, UNESCO-UNEVOC

TIME	EVENT
15:30 - 15:45	Is there a role for TVET in the Agenda 2030? Mr Jens Liebe <i>Senior Programme Expert, UNESCO-UNEVOC</i>
15:45 - 16:35	SDGs for TVET and TVET for SDGs Panelists: Ms Dana-Carmen Bachmann <i>Head of Unit VET, Apprenticeships and Adult Learning, European Commission</i> Mr Loukas Zahilas <i>Head of Department for VET Systems and Institutions, Cedefop</i> Ms Anastasia Fetsi <i>Head of Operations Department, ETF</i> Mr Borhene Chakroun <i>Director for Policies and Lifelong Learning, UNESCO</i> Mr Srinivas B Reddy <i>Chief of the Skills and Employability Branch, ILO</i>
16:35 - 17:25	Networking and Partnership as a Strategic Resource Panelists: Ms Heidi Rajamäki-Partanen <i>Director of Innovation, Omnia, Finland</i> Mr Edwin Tarno <i>Principal, Rift Valley Technical Training Institute, Kenya</i> Mr Jefferson Manhães de Azevedo <i>Professor and principal, CONIF, Brazil</i> Mr Allesandro Mele <i>CEO, Cometa Formazione scs, Italy</i> Mr Frank van Hout <i>Member of Executive Board of VET, Friesland College, The Netherlands</i>
17:25 - 17:30	Reflections on the way forward Mr Shyamal Majumdar <i>Head, UNESCO-UNEVOC</i>



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Parallel session 2: VET for the local development and inclusion

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Parallel session 2: VET for local development and inclusion

Moderation by Pirita Vuorinen and Georgios Zisimos, ETF

TIME	EVENT
15:30 - 15:50	Introduction Mr Georgios Zisimos and Ms Pirita Vuorinen <i>Senior specialists, ETF</i>
14:10 - 14:20	Part A – Introductory comments by speakers Ms Iryna Shumik <i>Director General, Directorate for Professional Education, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine</i> Mr Mohammed Brik <i>El Argoub Association, Laghouat, Algeria</i> Mr Sampo Suihko <i>Deputy Mayor, Espoo, Finland</i> Mr Shih-teng Lin <i>Senior Specialist, Taiwan Ministry of Labour</i>
16:20 - 17:20	Part B – Interactive plenary session Open discussion focusing on 3 key points: 1. Local partnership matters 2. Creating local partnerships 3. Centres of vocational excellence can enhance upward convergence
17:20 - 17:30	Wrapping Up



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Parallel session 3: International mobility of learners and staff

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Parallel session 3: International mobility of learners and staff

Moderation by Joao Santos, European Commission

TIME	EVENT
15:30 - 15:35	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>The policy priority on VET mobility and the means to achieve it</p> <p>Mr Joao Santos <i>Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</i></p>
15:35 - 15:45	<p>Looking ahead</p> <p>The Pilot VET mobility scheme for the Enlargement countries and Africa, and the new opportunities under the European Commission proposal for the future Erasmus programme</p> <p>Ms Deirde Lennan <i>International Policy Office, European Commission, DG Education and Culture</i></p>
15:45 - 16:00	<p>The Finnish approach to VET mobility</p> <p>International mobility as a strategic priority for VET modernization</p> <p>Mr Mika Saarinen <i>Head of Unit, Internationalisation Services for VET, Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI)</i></p>
16:00 - 16:20	<p>VET Mobility beyond Erasmus: Getting it done!</p> <p>Ms Terhi Haapala <i>International coordinator, Master of Health Sciences, Vocational Education and Training Institute SEDU</i></p> <p>Ms Odessa Sherbaniuk: <i>Setting up VET mobility partnerships with EU countries Inbound Program Coordinator, International Rural Exchange Canada</i></p> <p>Ms Mette Storgaard <i>“Travel 2 Farm”, affiliated with The Danish Agriculture and Food Council</i></p>
16:20 - 17:20	<p>Focused group discussions</p> <p>In “world café style”, each group will discuss topics related to VET international mobility, with a particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mobilising and supporting organisations for VET mobility b) Mobilising and supporting learners and staff for VET mobility; c) Ensuring quality, recognition and validation of the learning experience d) Role for international organisations and EU VET provider associations
17:20 - 17:30	<p>Conclusions</p> <p><i>Each rapporteur of the group discussion present 3 key ideas emerging from the discussions</i></p> <p>Key highlights and next steps</p> <p>Mr Joao Santos <i>Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</i></p>



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Parallel session 4: International qualifications and standards

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Parallel session 4: International qualifications and standards

Moderation by Jens Bjornavold, Cedefop

TIME	EVENT
15:30 – 15:40	Introduction Mr Jens Bjornavold <i>Expert, Cedefop</i>
15:40 – 16:00	Mr George Kostakis <i>Expert, Cedefop</i>
16:00 – 16:20	Mr David Hoey <i>CEO, World Skills International</i>
16:20 – 16:40	Ms Eija Alhojärvi <i>CEO, Skills Finland</i>
16:40 – 17:00	Mr Arjen Deij <i>Senior Specialist, European Training Foundation (ETF)</i>
17:00 – 17:30	Panel discussion and wrap up



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Parallel session 5: International cooperation on VET research

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Parallel session 5: International cooperation on VET research

Moderation by Madlen Serban

TIME	EVENT
15:30 – 15:40	Introduction Mr/Ms xx <i>title, European Commission</i>
15:40 – 17:20	Dr Ekaterina Esenina <i>Leading Staff Scientist, Federal Institute for Development of Education (FIRO RANEPa), a structure of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPa), Russian Federation</i> Mr Erik Swars <i>Head of international relations, Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (SFIVET), Switzerland</i> Mr Luciano de Oliveira Toledo <i>Vice-Rector for Institutional Development, Federal Institute for Education, Science and Technology of Espirito Santo (IFES), Brazil</i> Dr Mette Creaser <i>General Manager Research, Analytics & Reporting, National Centre For Vocational Education Research (NCVER), Australia</i> Mr Yee Zher Sheng <i>Principal Researcher, Institute for Adult Learning (IAL), Singapore</i>
17:20 – 17:30	Closing Mr/Ms xx <i>Title, European Commission</i>