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Austrian Federal Economic Chamber  
Julius Raab Room  
Wiedner Hauptstraße 63  
1045 Vienna

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## EUROPEAN VOCATIONAL SKILLS WEEK



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#DiscoverYourTalent #EU VocationalSkills

Employment  
Social Affairs  
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## DRAFT AGENDA

Moderation by Tamsin Rose

08:30 - 9:30	Registration and coffee
09:30 – 09:40	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Marianne Thyssen</b> Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission <b>Martha Schultz</b> Vice-President, WKÖ, Austria
09:40 - 09:45	<b>Video highlights of events' activities across Europe associated with the Week</b> Demonstrations, interviews, testimonies, speeches, experience from regions and localities, Employers Days
09:45 - 10.00	<b>The Austrian Presidency - VET in Austria</b> <b>Mr. Matthias Tschirf</b> Director-General, Federal Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs, Austria <b>Mr. Martin Netzer</b> Secretary-General, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, Austria
10:00 - 10.10	<b>EU funding supporting "Investing in people"</b> <b>Jean Arthuis, MEP</b> Chair of the Committee on Budgets of the European Parliament
10:10 - 10.20	<b>Skills as accelerator for implementing sustainable development goals</b> <b>Shyamal Majumdar</b> Head, UNESCO-UNEVOC

10:20 - 10:30	<p><b>#VET4ME2 - Testimonies from a young apprentice and an adult learner: What VET means to me?</b></p> <p><b>Leonardo Miodrag</b> Member of the European Apprentices Network</p> <p><b>Krzysztof Świerk</b> Headteacher, Vocational and General Education School Complex Centre of Practical Training, Kaczki Średnie, Poland</p>
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break
11:00 - 11:45	<p><b>Panel discussion on: The future of VET</b></p> <p><b>Dana-Carmen Bachmann</b> Head of Unit, European Commission</p> <p><b>Dita Traidis</b> President, WorldSkills Europe</p> <p><b>Maxime Cerutti</b> Director of Social Affairs, BusinessEurope</p> <p><b>Liina Carr</b> Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)</p> <p><b>Liliane Volozinskis,</b> Director, Social Affairs and Training Policy, European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME),</p> <p><b>Christoph Leitl</b> President, Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry (EUROCHAMBRES)</p> <p><b>René van Schalkwijk</b> President, EUproVET</p>
11:45 - 12:05	<p><b>European Vocational Skills Week Ambassadors</b></p> <p>Role models inspiring Vocational pathways</p>

12:05 - 12:50	<h2>Awards Ceremony</h2> <p>Valuing and rewarding Vocational excellence in the following award categories</p> <p><b>COMPANIES AND LEARNERS</b>  EAFa Apprentices  EAFa Companies -1) Large, 2) Small  2 Training at work – Company and Learner  International Skills Competitions  JA Europe</p> <p><b>VET INNOVATORS</b>  Innovative VET provider, with Special selection for cultural heritage  Teacher and trainer  VET researcher</p> <p><b>EUROPEAN FUNDING FOR EXCELLENCE</b>  European Social Fund project  Erasmus+ project</p> <p><b>EUROPEAN AGENCIES</b>  Cedefop VET Photo award  European Training Foundation - 2018 Entrepreneurship Award</p>
12:50 - 13:00	<h2>Musical performance</h2> <p><b>“MAN in black”, a brass band of VET apprentices from Upper-Austria</b></p>
13:00 – 13:10	<h2>Closing</h2> <p><b>Marianne Thyssen</b>  Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission</p>
13:10	<h2>Refreshments and networking</h2>