24 November 2017, 9:00 – 12:10

**CLOSING EVENT**

***Charlemagne Building,
Alcide de Gasperi conference room
Rue de la Loi 170,
1000 Brussels***

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| **Agenda** |
| *Moderation by* ***Tamsin Rose*** |
| 7:30- 9:00 | **Registration and coffee** |
| 9:00- 9:10 | **Opening address***Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills, and Labour Mobility*  |
| 9:10- 9:20 | **The future of VET***Introduction by* ***James Calleja****, Director of Cedefop**The TED-like talk of the 2017 VET Week - video* |
| 9:20- 9:30 | **European Apprentices Network** *The voice of young learners – VET is for us!*  |
| 9:30- 9:35 | **Video highlights of associated events across Europe, national opening events, and Employers Day events**  |
| 9:35- 9:40 | **Policy messages from the events in Brussels***Dana Bachmann, Head of Unit, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion* |
| 9:40- 10:00 | **European Vocational Skills Week Ambassadors***Role models making VET a first choice! (4 Ambassadors to be indicated – showcasing their work)* |
| 10:00- 10:15 | **European Social partners -** *Quality and effective VET for allHigh level speakers to be indicated by the European level Social partners(a representative speaking on behalf of Employers, and another on behalf of Trade unions)* |
| 10:15- 10:45 | ***Coffee*** |
| 10.45- 11.00 | ***Personal testimonies on how VET made a difference to young/adult learners livesDamon Bakker, Software Developer, PLANit Global, UKBicca Olin, President, Finlands Svenska Skolungdomsförbund FSS rf. (School-students union)Daniel Ioffe, VET learner, Colégio Internato dos Carvalhos, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal******Janós Juhász, MD of Raw Foods Ltd, Hungary****Migrant worker or refugee, integrated through VET (to be indicated)* |
| 11.00- 11.20 | **VET in the World (all speakers/videos to be confirmed)***Introduction by Cesare Onestini, Director of the ETF- European Training Foundation Overview of Worldskills in Abu Dhabi, video introduced by Simon Bartley World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics, Denise Amyot (live or Video)Video message from Australia VET Week – Brian Wexham, Founder of National Skills Week, Chair of WorldSkills Australia American Association of Community Colleges (Wayne Wheeler, to be confirmed by AACC)* |
| 11.20- 11.30 | **Report-back from 2016 European Vocational Skills Week award-winners*Lisa Janisch,*** *painter and decorator, winner of 2016 EuroSkills award****Lewis Churchill,*** *IBM Europe, winner of 2016 European Alliance for Apprenticeships award(photos of all award winners with a quote from each projected in the background)* |
| 11:30- 12:00 | **The 2017 VET awards – showcasing excellence and quality in VET***Awards presented by* ***Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner****, Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility***Categories of awards:** * *International Skills Competitions Awards – European Winner*
* *Cedefop VET Photo Award*
* *ETF Torino Process Award for the Entrepreneurship Key Competence*
* *Innovative VET Provider Award*
* *VET Research Award*
* *EAfA (European Alliance for Apprenticeships) Awards*
* *Training at Work Award*
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| 12:00- 12:05 | **Speeding-up the momentum on VET*Thomas Händel****, European Parliament, Chair of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee, and* |
| 12:05- 12:10 | **Musical/theatrical closing of the European Vocational Skills Week by VET learners*Kunsthumaniora Lemmensinstituut,*** *Leuven (Belgium)* |
| 12:10 | **Cocktail reception** |

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