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 all High 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 lives Damon Bakker, Software Developer, PLANit Global, UK Bicca 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* |
| 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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