



Guidance for Lifelong Learning Seminar

EUROPEAN VOCATIONAL SKILLS WEEK



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Introduction

This conference is organised by the Finnish 2019 EU Presidency and connected with the European 2019 Skills Week. It brings focus to lifelong guidance as a transversal policy area in response to the current debate of the demographic challenges, technological changes, future of work, globalisation and sustainable development. The conference follows up the recommendations from previous EU interventions and lifelong guidance policy conferences and identifies key principles of effective and relevant lifelong guidance services. The purpose of this conference is to identify potential, relevant EU interventions in repositioning and transforming lifelong guidance in the post EU2020 policies.

Discussion questions

The EU member states are facing major challenges with the changing labour market and new forms of work. Careers are becoming increasingly multidirectional as individuals change jobs more frequently and learn new skills in response to technological developments. Given the diversity of lifelong guidance services in different sectors, settings, funding mechanisms and changing needs of the individuals, this conference explores:

- How lifelong guidance could be repositioned across the policy fields at national and EU levels, in particular taking into account the future of work and in preparing citizens for new forms of employment, underemployment or no employment in a segmented labour market;
- How to establish and spread the most efficient ways of lifelong guidance to battle skills gap in Europe, fulfil the employment and career potential of every individual and encourage individuals and businesses to innovation and growth through upskilling and meaningful work;
- How to facilitate strategic leadership and cooperation of lifelong guidance activities and systems;
- How to take advantage of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as a means of policy and systems partnership and of joint action by the partners for the benefit of citizens?

Thematic focus and working methodology

In addition to a plenary, which will set the scene, structured table discussions sessions will focus on particular aspects of the overall challenges presented above.

The conference will be streamed live.



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TIME	EVENT
14:00 – 14:10	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>Chair of the conference:</p> <p>Teija Felt <i>Labour Market Counsellor, Ministry of Employment and Economic Affairs of Finland</i></p> <p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>Mika Tammilehto <i>Director General, Department for Vocational Education and Training, Ministry of Education and Culture of Finland</i></p>
14:10 – 14:20	<p>EU policy context for lifelong learning and lifelong guidance</p> <p>Alison Crabb <i>Head of Unit, DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Skills and Qualifications, European Commission</i></p>
14:20 – 14:35	<p>Lifelong guidance policy and practice in the EU: trends, challenges and opportunities – introduction of the study</p> <p>Sally-Anne Barnes <i>Institute for Employment Research, Warwick University</i></p>
14:35 – 15:20	<p>Panel discussion on the role of EU agencies and social partners in lifelong guidance practice and policy development</p> <p>Riikka Heikinheimo <i>Executive Director, Entrepreneurship and business environment, Confederation of Finnish Industries</i></p> <p>Agnes Roman <i>Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation</i></p> <p>Pedro Moreno Da Fonseca <i>Expert, Department for Learning and Employability, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training</i></p> <p>Florian Kadletz <i>Specialist in Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Skills Operations Department, European Training Foundation</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Raimo Vuorinen <i>Project Manager, Finnish Institute for Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä, Finland</i></p>



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15:20 – 15:35	The role of ICT in guidance Jaana Kettunen <i>Vice-Director, Research Coordinator, Finnish Institute for Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä</i>
15:35 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 16:35	Round table discussions How to promote formal sustainable commitment of different stakeholders in designing a joint conceptual framework for integrated lifelong guidance services? Facilitators: Sally-Anne Barnes & Jaana Kettunen
16:35 – 17:15	Reporting to plenary and conclusions Facilitators: Anna Toni <i>Senior specialist, Ministry of Employment and Economic Affairs of Finland</i> Tallamaria Maunu <i>Senior specialist, Ministry of Employment and Economic Affairs of Finland</i> Raimo Vuorinen <i>Project Coordinator, Finnish Institute for Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä</i>
17:15 – 17:30	Commentary notes on the plenary conclusions Alison Crabb <i>Head of Unit, DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Skills and Qualifications, European Commission</i> Teija Felt <i>Labour Market Counsellor, Ministry of Employment and Economic Affairs of Finland</i>
17:30	End of the session