



VET for ALL – Skills for Life conference

Session 1: Vocational excellence

EUROPEAN VOCATIONAL SKILLS WEEK



2019 | 17 October, 09:00 – 12:30

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Introduction

This session will discuss how effective approaches to vocational excellence can respond to the current and future skills challenges, and be a mobilising factor to modernise VET provision.

The session will build on the examples identified in the mapping studies (European Commission and ETF) identifying different approaches to vocational excellence. It will also involve the key partners from the first 2019 Erasmus+ pilot projects on vocational excellence. Experts from the Sector Skills Alliances, the Sectoral Blueprints, the Joint Research Centre, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, Cedefop, ETF, European Cluster Excellence Initiative, UNESCO-UNEVOC as well as international experts may also contribute to the debate.

This session will also discuss the Commission's initiative to establish Platforms of Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE), providing insight to ensure an effective added-value for EU level support, and ways to take the initiative forward.

Discussion questions:

- What is “Vocational Excellence”, and why do we need it?
- What are the critical success factors and activities that characterise an effective CoVEs?
- What are the key enabling conditions that must be in place for CoVEs to thrive?
- How can the EU support the development of the CoVEs?
- What tools and instruments as well as technical expertise should be made available to the partners of the Platforms of CoVEs?

Working method:

Group and panel discussions, presentations, exchange between the participants



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Moderation by ()

TIME	EVENT
09:00 – 09:20	Welcome and introduction Joao Santos, <i>European Commission</i> Georgios Zisimos, <i>European Training Foundation</i>
09:20 – 09:30	Key note Shyamal Majumdar, <i>UNESCO-UNEVOC</i>
09:30 – 10:15	Approaches to VET excellence Moderator Andrew McCoshan <i>Ecorys</i> Anna Kopeykina Fernández <i>On Teaching and learning in The Regional Centre for Innovation for Vocational Training of Aragón (CIFPA), Spain</i> Joachim Rapp <i>On Cooperation and partnerships, through Handwerkskammer Freiburg, Gewerbe Akademie, Germany</i> Fredrik Zeybrand <i>On Governance and funding in The Göteborg Region Association of Local Authorities, Sweden</i>
10:15 – 11:00	Panel discussion on the focus and priorities of the first CoVE projects Moderator Michele Grombeer <i>EACEA</i> Jouni Hytönen <i>On Digital Innovation Hub for Cloud Based Services</i> Iñigo Araiztegui <i>On Excellent advanced manufacturing 4.0</i> Pieter Hoekstra <i>On the Pilot Platform of Vocational Excellence Water</i> Adrijana Hodak <i>On Talentjourney the Platform for CDS VET Excellence</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break

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11:15 - 12:15	<p>Work in focus groups</p> <p>Beyond EU funding: Tools and support structures for the effective implementation of the CoVE projects</p> <p>All participants contribute to discussions. Chairs:</p> <p>Georgios Zisimos (ETF), Lore Schmid (Cedefop), John Edwards (JRC) Malgorzata Kozak (EAC), Michele Grombeer (EACEA), Jens Liebe (UNESCO-UNEVOC), Jan Varchola (EC), (Stylianos Mavromoustakos – to be confirmed)</p> <p>VET Providers Rapporteurs: Appointed on spot for each table.</p>
12:15 - 12:30	<p>Reporting to plenary and conclusion</p> <p>Chair / rapporteurs</p>
12.30	<p>End of the session</p> <p>Joao Santos <i>European Commission</i></p>