



# Closing Event

## EUROPEAN VOCATIONAL SKILLS WEEK



**2019** | 18 October, 09:00 – 12:40

*Finlandia Hall*

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Moderation by Tamsin Rose and Anna Makipää, Matthäus Fandrejewski from EAN  
(European Apprentices Network)

TIME	EVENT
08:30 - 09:00	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
09:00 - 09:15	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <b>Li Andersson</b> <i>Minister of Education, Finland</i> <b>Marianne Thyssen</b> <i>Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission</i>
09:15 - 09:25	<b>Views from the newly elected Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Employment and Social Affairs</b> <b>Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová</b> <i>Committee Chair, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, European Parliament</i>
09:25 - 09:35	<b>Video highlights of events/activities across Europe associated with the Week</b> Demonstrations, interviews, testimonies, speeches, experience from regions and localities, Employers Days
09:35 - 09:45	<b>4 years of Employers' Days at the European Vocational Skills Week</b> <b>Marja-Riitta Pihlman</b> <i>Director-General, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Regions and Growth Services Department, Finland</i> <b>Dame Fiona Kendrick</b> <i>Former Chairman and CEO, Nestlé United Kingdom and Ireland</i>
09:45 - 09:55	<b>Report-back on key messages of the Week's meetings</b> Moderator invites votes from the floor on key messages from other meetings during the week
09:55 - 10:00	<b>Video from Finland</b> <b>Getting started</b> (The opening of the Week in Finland)

TIME	EVENT
10:00 - 10:40	<p><b>Panel discussion on the key messages of the main meetings</b></p> <p><b>ManManuela Geleng</b> <i>Director for Skills, European Commission</i></p> <p><b>Borhene Chakroun</b> <i>Director for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems, UNESCO</i></p> <p><b>Barbara Dorn</b> <i>Director for Education and Vocational Education, Confederation of German Employers (BDA)</i></p> <p><b>Hans Ulrich Nordhaus</b> <i>Head of Unit, German Trade Union confederation</i></p> <p><b>Liisa Metsola</b> <i>Treasurer, EfVET; Development Director, Vocational College Live, Helsinki, Finland</i></p> <p><b>Luis Costa</b> <i>President, Lifelong Learning Platform</i></p> <p><b>Alkistis Giogiou</b> <i>Former member of the European Apprentices Network (EAN)</i></p>
10:40 - 10:55	<p><b>Elke Büdenbender</b> <i>First Lady, Germany, European Vocational Skills Week Ambassador</i></p>
10:55 – 11:20	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
11:20 - 11:25	<p><b>Video from Finland</b> Finding new perspectives (site visits during the Week)</p>
11:25 - 11:40	<p><b>Testimonies from previous contributors to the Week: How has the Week made a difference to me?</b></p> <p>Award-winner: <b>Angeliki Filippidou</b> <i>Principal 2nd VET School of Thessaloniki, Greek Manpower Employment Organisation (OAED)</i></p> <p>Associated event: <b>David Rozvanyi</b> <i>Referee, National Institute of Vocational and Adult Education (NIVE), Hungary</i></p> <p>Share-your-Story: <b>Gisela Valdera</b> <i>Creative Director, Insurtech Insight</i></p> <p><i>International Inspiring Youth in TVET Story Series:</i> <b>Alagib Maki al Tahir</b> <i>UNESCO-UNEVOC</i></p>

TIME	EVENT
11:40 - 12:15	<p><b>European Vocational Skills Week Ambassadors Introduction</b></p> <p><b>Stephen Howeg</b> Pan-EU Ambassador</p> <p><b>Salvador Lorenzo Martinez</b> Ambassador Spain</p> <p><b>Caroline Jenner</b> Pan-EU Ambassador</p> <p><b>Pierre Kompany</b> Ambassador Belgium</p> <p><b>Jinko Adams:</b> dance Ambassador Netherlands</p> <p><b>Marianne Thyssen</b> <i>Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission</i></p> <p>Photos of all the Ambassadors with the Commissioner</p>
12:15 - 12:20	<p><b>Video from Finland</b></p> <p><b>Stepping into the future</b> (The Week VET Expo)</p>
12:20 - 12:30	<p><b>Closing Speech</b></p> <p><b>Marianne Thyssen</b> <i>Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission</i></p>
12:30 - 12:40	<p><b>Musical finale</b></p>
12:40 - 12:50	<p><b>Photo session with the Commissioner:</b></p> <p>Finnish VET school stewards/conference assistants, 25 events/activities organisers present for the Week</p>
12:40	<p><b>Refreshments and networking for participants</b></p> <p>Piazza Foyer</p>