22 November 2017, 9:00 – 18:00

**CAREER-LONG PROFESSIONAL LEARNING – SUPPORT SYSTEMS**

***Charlemagne Building, Conference room – Manscholt  
Rue de la Loi 170,   
1000 Brussels***

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| **Agenda** | |
| **9:00– 12:45** | **Plenary session of the European Vocational Skills Conference** |
| **12.45- 14.00** | **Lunch** |
| **Moderator to be indicated** | |
| **14:00– 14:15** | **Welcome and introduction to the session** |
| **14:15– 14:30** | **Career-long professional learning means …?**  Warm-up discussion between the participants |
| **14:30– 15:15** | **Support provided at national level - *the life-long guidance toolkit from the PES network***  *Elisabet Arp, Senior Manager at the Swedish Public Employment Services, and national Expert in the European Commission (tbc)*  Presentation of the life-long learning guidance toolkit prepared by the PES network  Followed by Q&A session and reaction from the representatives of the GOAL project and CEDEFOP (tbc) |
| **15:15– 16:00** | **An employer and sector-led approach to skills development – *Skillnets in Ireland***  *Paul Healy, Chief Executive, Skillnets*  *Gareth Lee, Network Manager, Animation Skillnet*  *Dr Arlene Egan, Learning and Development manager, Brown Bag Films*  Presentation by the Skillnets followed by Q&A session |
| **16:00– 16:20** | **Employee point of view on skills development**  *Mārtiņš Gagainis from Latvia*  Testimony of Mr. Gagainis who made a successful mid-career change following a procedure to validate his non-formally and informally acquired competences followed by Q&A session |
| **16:20– 16:40** | **Our response to the challenge – discussion between participants**  Wrap-up in small groups of participants sitting next to each other, discussing their experience of policy examples and possible answers to the challenge |
| **16:40– 16:50** | **Summarising of the discussion** |
| **16:50– 17:00** | **Return back to the Plenary meeting room**  **Afternoon session are conducted in separate rooms. All must return to the Plenary room by 17:00** |
| **17:00– 17:30** | **Reporting back to the plenary on all 6 parallel sessions** |
| **17.30- 18.00** | **Closing session**  The vocational skills landscape towards 2020 and beyond  *Marianne Thyssen, European Commission, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility*  *Jean Arthuis MEP, Chair of Budget Committee of the European Parliament (tbc)* |
| **Evening networking** | |
| **17:15– 19:00** | **Participants are invited to a networking walking dinner/drink (tbc)** |

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