***Charlemagne, Alcide de Gasperi conference room,  
Rue de la Loi 170,   
1000 Brussels***

22 November 2017, 9:00 – 18:00

**Promoting the Vocational Skills Agenda - Together**

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| **Agenda** | | | | | | |
| *Moderation by* ***Tamsin Rose*** | | | | | | |
| 7:30 – 9:00 | **Registration and Coffee** | | | | | |
| 9.00 – 9.15 | **Opening address**  *Michel Servoz, Director-General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion* | | | | | |
| 9.15-9.30 | **VET for the future**  **An outlook from the upcoming Bulgarian Presidency**  *Ms Denitsa Sacheva, Bulgaria, Deputy Minister of Education and Science* | | | | | |
| 9.30-10.30 | **Panel discussion: Lifelong-learning, mobility and skills for the labour market**  **How can learner and staff mobility provide the skills for a competitive European labour market?**   * *Christoph Kübel, Member of Management Board and Director of Industrial Relations, Robert Bosch GmbH* * *Monika Gromadzka, Ph.D, University of Warsaw* * *Rob Schuur, President, Noorderpoort Regional Education Centre* * *Mika Saarinen, Finnish National Agency for Education* * *Rob O'Donnel, Board Member, Obessu* * *Fons Leroy, Chair of the European Network of Public Employment Services (PES), and Chief Executive Officer of VDAB (PES for the Flemish Region in Belgium)*   (2-minute presentation by each speaker, followed by discussion with the audience) | | | | | |
| 10.30-10.45 | **Erasmus+ News**  **ErasmusPRO / Joint VET Qualifications 2017 / Business-education partnerships (short video)**  *Norbert Schöbel DG EMPL E3, and Michèle Grombeer EACEA* | | | | | |
| 10.45-11.15 | **Coffee** | | | | | |
| 11.15-11.25 | **Addressing skills mismatches at sectoral level: a Blueprint**  *Ann Branch, Acting Director for Skills, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion* | | | | | |
| 11.25-12.15 | **Panel discussion: Sectoral cooperation on skills: a "Blueprint" for competitiveness**   * *Industry (Coordinator), represented in the 2017 SSA/Blueprint projects (speaker to be indicated)* * *Slawomir Tokarski, Director, DG GROW* * *Anna Świebocka-Nerkowska, Director of Human Resources Development Unit, Polish Agency for Enterprise Development: how Structural Funds can support the national/regional roll-out of the Blueprint* * *Rudolf Niessler, Director, DG REGIO: links with smart specialisation* * *Cristina Dimas, Coordinator Innovation & Business, CECOA - Centre for Vocational Training for Trade and Services* * *Sectoral trade union represented in the 2017 SSA/Blueprint projects (speaker to be indicated)*   (2-minute presentation by each speaker, followed by discussion with the audience) | | | | | |
| 12.15-12.25 | **Digitalisation – VET meeting the challenge (tbc)** *Mailis Reps, Estonian Minister of Education and research, EU Presidency* | | | | | |
| 12.25-12.30 | **Introduction to the afternoon sessions**  *Joao Santos, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion* | | | | | |
| 12.30-14.00 | **Lunch** | | | | | |
| **Afternoon Parallel Sessions** | | | | | | |
| 14:00– 17:00 | See specific Agendas for each workshop | | | | | |
| **EAfA Stakeholders' meeting** *(held jointly with ET2020 WG on T&T)* | **VET and Professional Higher Education (PHE) providers** | **Career-long professional learning** | **Focus on VET Research** | **Sector Stakeholders** | **VET Mobility** |
| ***Digitalisation and digital skills*** | ***S.M.A.R.T. VET*** | ***Support systems*** | ***Strengthening the evidence base*** | ***Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills*** | ***Internationalisation strategy,***  ***ErasmusPRO*** |
| 17:00– 17:30 | **Reports from the different workshops**  *Panel setting with questions from moderator - 5 minutes (max) for each parallel session, and 15 minutes open debate* | | | | | |
| 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)* | | | | | |
| **Evening networking** | | | | | | |
| 18:00– 19:30 | **Participants are invited to a networking and matchmaking walking dinner** | | | | | |