***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)*

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| 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 MobilityJean 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** |