***European Commission building - Rue Philippe le Bon 3, Brussels***

22 November 2017, 9:00 - 18:00

**VET and Professional Higher Education (PHE) providers**

**S.M.A.R.T. VET – the role of VET and PHE Providers**

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| **Agenda** | | | |
| *9:00– 12:45* | ***Plenary session of the European Vocational Skills Conference in CHAR*** *(see separate programme)* | | |
| *12.45- 14.00* | ***Lunch*** | | |
| **Participants move into the different parallel sessions** | | | |
| 14:00– 16:30 | **S.M.A.R.T. VET : the role of VET and Professional Higher Education (PHE) Providers**  *In this workshop, you will contribute actively to new meanings behind S.M.A.R.T. VET reflecting in one of three main topics: smart* ***permeability*** *from VET to HE, smart* ***Industry 4.0****, smart* ***Communities of practice - Make your voice heard!*** | | |
| **Topic 1 - Smart permeability from VET to HE through international mobility arrangements**  **Philippe Le Bon – room tbc**  The workshop will discuss the opportunity to develop new flexible pathways for smart permeability between VET and HE by using international mobility's from VET at level 4 into Higher Education at level 5. Instruments for this can be the use of level 5 qualifications (like Higher VET and Short Cycle HE e.g. the Associate degree), international arrangements for work-based learning (like apprenticeships, internships and dual systems), and the involvement of international networks for companies. One of the crucial aspects that will be highlighted during the round-table sessions for the participants, is the quality assurance system for apprenticeships in SMEs. | **Topic 2 - Smart VET 4.0 for Smart Industry 4.0**  **Philippe Le Bon – room tbc**  Business world is rapidly changing due to new 4.0 revolution and therefore VET providers have new (disruptive) challenges concerning efficiency, excellence and new learning outcomes for the near future (technical skills and soft skills). Some new jobs and skills need to be designed, on a “Business-VET eco-system basis”'  65% of our kids will work on new job types that don’t yet exist and in another country, Europe has a huge skills mismatch which is increasing due to 4.0 SMART Industry and we estimate that, if we don’t change this scenario rapidly; millions of jobs will be lost till 2020, all over the world, due to lack of right skills for 4.0. A new paradigm for Lifelong learning is born. Smart VET solutions for adults and youngsters are strongly needed. | **Topic 3 - Smart communities of practice from snail time insights to smart real time practices**  **Philippe le Bon – room tbc**  The time from an idea through validating research to implementation of educational practices does not fit the realities of the speed of educational development. In practice small scale hands-on beliefs and convictions often dictate changes in VET education. Remarkable results often remain local and are only seldom shared. CEDEFOP acknowledged the need for more validation through sharing results in practice on a real time basis. We are developing and exploring the viability of the effectiveness of real time communities of practice. We hope you will participate in the adventure to find a new shorter way from an idea to what works in practice. Join the recently started communities on migration, mobility and technology enhanced learning. |
| Moderator : Hans Daale, Chain5  Rapporteur : Santiago Garcia | Moderator : Margarida Segard, ISQ  Speakers : Eurico Costa, EWF  Manfred Pohl, Frankfurter Zukunftsrat (tbc)  Rapporteur : tbc | Moderator : R. Van Schalkwijk; EUproVET  Speakers : James Calleja, Director of Cedefop, Rasa Zygmantaite, EfVET  Rapporteur : Tina Bertzeletou, Cedefop |
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| 16:30– 17:00 | **Return back to the Plenary meeting room in CHAR** *Afternoon sessions 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 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** | | | |
| 18:00– 19:30 | **Participants are invited to a networking walking dinner/drink (tbc)** | | |