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Focusing on what matters most: Cedefop's priorities in 2012-2014

Cedefop's [medium-term priorities](#) set out the main areas of our work in 2012-2014, including how the Centre will support the modernisation of vocational education and training systems, its skills forecasting activities and its study of adult and work-based learning.

This period coincides with the timeframe for short-term results of the [Bruges communiqué](#). To help implement them, the communiqué has entrusted Cedefop with a range of tasks. But Cedefop's work also relates to other actions in [Europe 2020](#) flagship initiatives, such as the [Agenda for New Skills for New Jobs](#), and to the wider policy framework.



Inevitably, Cedefop must focus its activities carefully to ensure the best use of its resources. Thus, it has defined priorities by looking at vocational education and training from different perspectives:

- Priority 1: **Supporting modernisation of vocational education and training systems**, examines developments in such systems across Europe;
- Priority 2: **Careers and transitions – Continuing training, adult and work-based learning**, looks at training from the standpoint of learners;
- Priority 3: **Analysing skills and competence needs to inform VET provision**, focuses on the impact of external factors on skills and competence,

Cedefop's impact, efficiency and relevance will continue to be measured against a framework of **performance indicators** set up in a performance measurement system, which is integrated into Cedefop's programming and reporting. This also ensures the alignment of the Centre's annual activities with its strategic objective and medium-term priorities.

Working to generate new insights and fill knowledge gaps, providing policy advice to and raising awareness among stakeholders and the wider public, Cedefop's work will aim to:

- promote European VET and lifelong learning policy by providing evidence and analysis; and
- strengthen European cooperation, by supporting Member States to implement European tools and principles, share policy priorities, and exchange experience.

More information

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