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Groundwork for next Continuing Vocational Training Survey laid at Cedefop workshop

The aim of the 4th Continuing Vocational Training Survey (CVTS4) is to provide targeted data for policy-makers on emerging policy needs. Researchers are in fact able to provide in-depth data analyses on the basis of the survey, but there is considerable scope for better and more sophisticated use of such analyses by policy-makers. This was one of the conclusions of the preparatory workshop for CVTS4, held at Cedefop on 29-30 June.

The workshop conclusions emphasised the need to involve national social partner organisations at an earlier stage of the survey. They also stressed the need to reduce the amount of work involved in data collection, making it easier for companies to participate. Using new media for data collection might be one of the ways to speed up the process.

Every 5 years, Eurostat and National Statistical Offices carry out the Continuing Vocational Training Survey (CVTS). CVTS is the only international survey that provides information on companies' training policy: how training is managed, what motivates enterprises to train their staff, what effect technological changes has on training provision, and how companies evaluate training outcomes.

The survey collects data from companies with 10 or more employees and covers internal and external training courses and forms such as on-the-job training, job rotation and self-directed learning. Quantitatively, the survey covers the incidence, volume, intensity and cost of training courses.

The 4th survey is scheduled to be implemented in 2011 and provide the first key indicators in 2012.

Link to workshop documents:

<http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/etv/news/default.asp?idnews=4518>

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