



## Seminar

# Making learning work in Greece: bringing together the worlds of employment and education

Joint initiative by the Chair of the Employment and Social Affairs  
Committee of the European Parliament, Thomas Händel and Cedefop

**Thessaloniki, Tuesday 28 June 2016**

**Location:** Thessaloniki City Hall – Town Council Room

### Participants:

- Kostadinka KUNEVA, Kostas CHRYSOGONOS, Members of the European Parliament
- Rania ANTONOPOULOU, Alternate Minister of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity
- James CALLEJA, Cedefop Director
- Pafsanias PAPAGEORGIOU, General Secretary for Lifelong Learning and Youth, Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs
- Vassilis DAGDILELIS, President of EOPPEP
- Stavros KARAGKOUNIS, CEO EOPPEP
- Panagiotis GOFAS, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
- Industries of Northern Greece, chambers, trade unions, universities, technical universities, professional schools, institutes for vocational training

### Objective

The event aims at bringing together the worlds of employment and education to explore how employability could attract more jobs in the labour market. The activity will also be an opportunity to discuss cooperation between Cedefop and the Greek authorities, and the role the European Parliament can play in strengthening cooperation between authorities and social partners, particularly employers. Presentations and discussions will also focus on how to entice employers and other social partners to promote work-based learning and invest in apprenticeships in Greece and in the Central Macedonia region.

## Agenda

	<b>Chair: James Calleja</b>
10.00 – 10.20	<b>Opening speeches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Petros Lekakis, Vice Mayor of Thessaloniki</i></li> <li>• <i>Kostas Chrysogonos, MEP</i></li> <li>• <i>James Calleja, Cedefop Director</i></li> </ul>
10.20 – 11.00	<b>Panel discussion</b> <u>VET reform in Greece</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Kostadinka Kuneva, MEP</i></li> <li>• <i>Rania Antonopoulou, Alternate Minister of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity</i></li> <li>• <i>Pafsanias Papageorgiou, General Secretary for LLL and Youth, Ministry of Education</i></li> </ul>
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Cedefop's support to Greece and the region of Central Macedonia</b> Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Loukas Zahilas, Cedefop, Head of DSI – Cooperation between Cedefop and the Greek authorities</i></li> <li>• <i>Vlasis Korovilos, Cedefop, Apprenticeship project in Greece</i></li> </ul> Discussion
11.30 – 12.00	<b>Tea/coffee break</b>
12.00 – 12.30	<b>Project presentations on the cooperation between businesses and schools</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Giannis Papatsehilidis, Director EPAS Oreokastro and Georgia Routsou, Hotel MET</i></li> <li>• <i>Iraklis Pliakis, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Education – Pilot introduction of apprenticeships in Greece at post-secondary level</i></li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.00	<b>Discussion and closure of the seminar</b>
13.00 – 13.30	<b>Press interviews</b> <i>Kostadinka Kuneva, Rania Antonopoulou, Pafsanias Papageorgiou, James Calleja</i>
13.30 – 15.00	<b>Stand-up reception</b>