



Green skills and environmental awareness in VET

Validation workshop

05 October 2011, London, UK

General information

Workshop venue RIBA - The Royal Institute of British Architects
Meeting room: Lasdun Room
66 Portland Place
W1B 1AD London, UK
<http://www.architecture.com/RIBAVenues/Location.aspx>

No of participants Max. 25

Type of event Restricted participation by invitation

Participants' profile Employers, learning providers, researchers, skills and labour market experts, representatives of employers and workers organisations, and policy makers.

Working language English

Agenda

Wednesday, 05 October 2011	
09:00-09:15	Registration of participants
09:15-09:30	Welcome <i>Antonio Ranieri, Cedefop</i>
09:30-10:30	Presentation of main findings <i>IES</i>
	Chairperson: Emanuela Carta, IES
10:30-11:30	First discussion <i>Policy proposals: addressing future skill needs</i>
11:30- 11:45	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>
	Chairperson: Annette Cox, IES
11:45-12:45	Second discussion <i>Policy recommendations: benefiting from a green economy</i>
12:45-13:00	Concluding remarks <i>IES and Cedefop</i>

Background to the workshop

Sustainable growth means building a resource-efficient, sustainable and competitive economy. Exploiting Europe's leadership in the race to develop new processes and technologies, including green technologies, will help the European Union (EU) and its Member States to prosper in a low-carbon, resource-constrained world while preventing environmental degradation, biodiversity loss and the unsustainable use of resources.

Greening our economy offers new jobs, but also demands new skills from people. To adapt vocational education and training (VET) systems to ensure that the workforce can adjust their skills to the labour-market requires a more in-depth analysis of the ongoing process of changes:

- ▶ What impact do EU and related national policies have on employment and skill needs?
- ▶ What challenges and specific skills imbalances are emerging in labour markets?
- ▶ How effectively are employers and learning providers responding to these emerging changes?
- ▶ How can education and training systems be improved to better respond and adapt to the greening of occupations and the associated evolving skill needs?

Against this backdrop, in December 2010, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) commissioned the Institute for Employment Studies (www.employment-studies.co.uk) to undertake research into current and future skills and training needs of employers for nine key occupations which will be affected by the development of the resource efficient and green economy.

The project is aimed at eight European countries: Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Slovakia and the UK. The objective of the study is to identify challenges and priorities for green skills so as to ensure that education and training systems can respond to demand expressed by businesses and benefit from the transition to sustainable, smart and inclusive growth.

The project is using interviews with experts from employer associations and training providers, surveys of employers and training providers and analysis of secondary data and policy literature. National reports for each country and a European synthesis report will be provided.

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