

**WORKSHOP****THE CHANGING NATURE AND ROLE OF
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN EUROPE*****Cedefop, Thessaloniki 25-26 June 2015***

Cedefop will - on the 25-26 June 2015 - gather a limited number of researchers and policy makers from different parts of Europe (and beyond) to reflect on the changing nature and role of vocational education and training (VET) in Europe. The workshop will provide an opportunity to reflect systematically on the challenges and opportunities facing VET and how these differ between countries.

The workshop on the 25-26 of June offers an opportunity to discuss these tendencies and the challenges. The outcomes of the workshop will feed into Cedefop's research activities and support two major studies on this topic to be launched in 2015.

Agenda

Thursday, 25 June 2015	
09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-09:45	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Joachim James Calleja, Director, Cedefop</i>
09:45-11:00	Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none">• European VET – a sector under threat? <i>Jens Bjornavold, Senior expert, Cedefop</i>• European VET – a sector with potential! <i>Maria Todorova and Anna Nikowska, National seconded experts, European Commission</i>• VET in Europe – what does the figures tell us? <i>Marco Serafini, Senior expert, Cedefop</i>

11:00-11:30	Tea/coffee break
11:30-13:00	<p>A changing world – changing vocational education and training?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing occupations and changing standards - implications for VET: <i>Jenny Shackleton, Assessment Advisor, WorldSkills International & Europe</i> • Twenty years of occupational change in Germany - lessons from 92 occupations: <i>Michael Tiemann, Senior Researcher, BIBB</i> • European VET in a global context - challenges and opportunities: <i>Shyamal Majumdar, Head, UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	<p>National VET systems – threats and opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational education and training under pressure - the Norwegian situation: <i>Torgeir Nyen, Senior Researcher and Anna Hagen Tønder, Researcher, FAFO</i> • Vocational education and training as a national priority - Measures and actions taken in Switzerland: <i>Mergim Jahiu, Project Manager, International Education Projects, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)</i> • Vocational education and training and higher education- a blurring distinction? <i>Volker Rein, Senior Research Associate, BIBB</i>
15:30-16.00	Tea/coffee break
16.00-18.00	<p>Workshop 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: <i>Dmitrijs Kulss, Expert, Cedefop</i> • Rapporteur: <i>Andreas Eletheriou, General Inspector EQF, Ministry of Education and Culture, Cyprus and Lore Schmid, Senior expert, Cedefop</i>
	<p>Workshop 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: <i>Hanne Christensen, National seconded expert ,Cedefop</i> • Rapporteur: <i>Bernard Šiška, Professor, Slovak university of agriculture and Jens Bjornavold, Senior expert, Cedefop</i>

9.30-10.00	Short summary of key points/conclusion from workshops
10:00-11.30	<p>VET from the providers points of view – threats and opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perspectives from the European Forum of technical and vocational education and training (EfVET): <i>Peter Hodgson, President</i> • Perspectives from the European Vocational Training Association (EVTA): <i>Battista Castagna, Member of the EVTA Board</i> • Perspectives from European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE): <i>Johan Cloet, Secretary General</i> • Perspectives from EURO-PROF: <i>Johann Wiedlack, Vice-President</i>
11.30-11:45	Tea/coffee break
11.45-13.00	<p>Plenary debate and conclusions</p> <p>Which are the implications for policy? Which are the implications for practise? Which are the implications for research?</p> <p><i>Plenary discussion moderated by Cedefop</i></p>
13.00	End of the workshop