



Supporting development of skills forecasting/anticipation in small countries

Expert workshop

22 – 23 November, Thessaloniki, Greece

General information

Workshop venue	Cedefop (training room C)
Organisers	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)
No. of participants	20 - 30 (restricted participation based on invitations)
Participants' profile	Invited national stakeholders and experts in skills forecasting
Working language	English

Context and background

As a response to the request from the Icelandic Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, Iceland and Ministry of Education and Employment, Malta, Cedefop has agreed to provide technical expertise and support the development of skills anticipation/forecasting capacity in both countries. To fully understand the needs and possibilities of setting up a regular skills forecasting system, nominated experts will lead and carry out a national scoping exercise to serve as input for the expert workshop.

Workshop rationale and objectives

Objectives:

- Understand the challenges in labour market and education systems in the Malta and Iceland
- Share the best practices in setting up the skills forecasting exercise and appropriate institutional cooperation across the Europe and discuss most itching issues experts in Malta and Iceland are facing.
- Design the roadmap for future work on country skills forecasting and design institutional framework in Malta and Iceland.

Workshop structure and methods of working

The first day will be organised as the series of panel discussions where experts in the field will share their experience with representatives from Malta and Iceland. The first session will set the scene for the whole workshop. Experts from Malta and Iceland will present the key challenges for education and labour market they face in the countries and how skills forecasting exercise is expected to contribute to overcome these. The following three sessions will discuss different elements of skills forecasting, in particular data issues, modelling methodology and overall policy context. In each session external experts will give short introduction to the topic reflecting their experience. Representatives from Malta and Iceland will prepare key questions to be discussed reflecting their needs.

The second day will consist of two working sessions facilitated by Cedefop experts. Each working session will start by introduction by facilitator describing the methods of work and desired outcome. Country representatives will be asked to present their understanding of the topic drawing on the country expertise reflecting the discussion from the day 1. During the follow up discussion the country representatives with the help of the external experts will try to work on the topic of the session. The first working session will discuss the process of setting up the forecasting exercise as such. The second working sessions will be focussed on the institutional framework of the exercise. The final session will be dedicated to feedbacks from working sessions and agreeing on the way of future assistance.

Agenda

Tuesday 22 nd November 2016	
<i>09:00 – 09:30</i>	Arrival and registration
<i>Chair: Vladimir Kvetan (Cedefop)</i>	
9:30 – 10:30	Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cedefop welcome <i>James Calleja (Cedefop – Director)</i> • Introduction to skills forecasting (keynote remark) <i>Rob Wilson (IER, UK)</i> • Introduction to the workshop <i>Vladimir Kvetan (Cedefop)</i>
10:30 – 11:30	Session 1: Setting up the scene Main challenges on labour market and E&T in MT and IC (20 min contribution from each country followed up by discussion)
<i>11:30 – 12:00</i>	Coffee break
<i>Chair: Alena Zukersteinova (Cedefop)</i>	
12:00 – 13:00	Session 2: Key data challenges for skills forecasting Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Wilson (IER, UK) • Karin Grunewald (Statistics Sweden) • Stelios Mytides (Human Resource Development Authority, Cyprus)
<i>13:00 – 14:00</i>	Lunch
<i>Chair: Vladimir Kvetan</i>	
<i>14:00-15:30</i>	Session 3: Discussing the best practice in skills forecasting across the Europe Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marek Radvansky (Slovak academy of Sciences, Slovakia) • Ilias Livanos (Cedefop) • Jasmina Behan (SOLAS, Ireland)

15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
<i>Chair: Konstantinos Pouliakas</i>	
16:00 – 17:30	Session 4: How Skills forecasts feed into the policy making
	Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stavros Gavroglou (National Institute of Labour and Human Resources, Greece) • Sandrine Aboubadra-Pauly (Strategie, France) • Mario Lambing (Ministry of Economic and Communication, Estonia)

Wednesday 23rd November 2016	
09:00 – 09:30	Arrival
9:30 – 10:45	Session 5: Setting up the outline for national forecasts (country group working session)
	Facilitators – Vladimir Kvetan, Ilias Livanos (Cedefop)
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:00	Session 6: Development of institutional setting (country group working session)
	Facilitators – Alena Zukersteinova, Konstantinos Pouliakas (Cedefop)
12:00 – 12:30	Coffee break
<i>Chair: Pascaline Descy (Cedefop – Head of DSL)</i>	
12:30 – 13:30	Session 7: Way forward
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main points to take home by Malta and Iceland • Discussing the next course of the action • Concluding remarks
13:30	End of the workshop

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