

**WORKSHOP****VET in the 21st Century – New pressures and changing expectations**

Cedefop, Thessaloniki 16-17 February 2017

The workshop will build on the initial findings of the ongoing (2015-2018) Cedefop study on ‘*The changing nature and role of vocational education and training in Europe*’. This work, based on a combination of different research methodologies, aims for an in-depth insight into the overall standing and role of vocational education and training in Europe today. An important part of the research is to better understand the dynamic character of VET, which is why developments during the last 20-25 years are carefully mapped and analysed by the study.

The workshop will bring together an extended group of researchers and experts working on VET-related topics, allowing for an in-depth discussion on the preliminary findings of the study and their follow up. The workshop will pay particular attention to the differing and changing conceptions of VET in Europe and on how external factors (for example demography, economy and technology) are influencing the sector. Results from related Cedefop projects will also be presented, notably the 2016 opinion survey on VET in Europe and the ongoing study on the effects of globalisation on VET.

Agenda

Thursday, 16 February 2017	
09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30--11:00	Welcome and setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Researching vocational education and training – Cedefop’s role <i>Joachim James Calleja, Director Cedefop</i>• The changing role and nature of VET- project (2016-2018)- our intentions and expectations - <i>Jens Bjornavold, Senior expert, Cedefop and Hanne Christensen, Seconded National expert, Cedefop</i>• The changing role and nature of VET-project – Overview, methods and data <i>Jörg Markowitsch, Project coordinator, 3s, AT</i>
11:00-11:30	Tea/coffee break

11:30-13:00	<p>How do we understand VET across Europe?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The changing conceptualisation of vocational education and training in Europe, <i>Jörg Markowitsch, Project coordinator 3s, AT</i> • Comments on findings and conclusions by discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Christopher Winch, Professor, King’s College London, UK</i> ○ <i>Rasa Zygmantaite, EFVET Secretary, LT</i> • Questions, debate and recommendations to research
13:00-14:00	<p>Lunch</p>
14.00-15.30	<p>Is initial vocational education under threat in Europe?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends in enrolment in VET across Europe – preliminary observations, <i>Tine Andersen, Senior Consultant, DTI, DK</i> • Comments on findings by discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Horacy Debowsky, Expert, Educational Research Institute, PL</i> ○ <i>Nikos Nikolaou, Director, SEK Trade Union School , CY</i> • Questions, debate and recommendations to research
15:30-16.00	<p>Tea/coffee break</p>
16.00-18.00	<p>Widening the picture – the views of citizens and impacts of globalisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The European opinion survey on vocational education and training <i>Antonio Ranieri, Head of Department for Learning and Employability, Cedefop</i> • VET in a time of migration, <i>Jon Erik Dølvik, FAFO, NO</i> • European VET in a globalised world, <i>George Kostakis, Expert, Cedefop</i> • Discussion

9:30-11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The external factors influencing VET developments, <i>Terence Hogarth, Senior Advisor, FGB, UK</i> • Comments by discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Oriol Homs Ferret, Research Director, NOTUS, ES</i> ○ <i>Johanna Baeyens, EURASHE, BE</i> • Questions and debate
11.00-11:30	Tea/coffee break
11.30-12.30	<p>Plenary debate and conclusions – The future of VET in Europe</p> <p>Implications for policies and practises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Joao Santos, DG Employment, European Commission</i> • <i>Küllli All, Deputy Head, Ministry of Education and Research, EE</i> • <i>Yves Grange, European advisor, EVTA, FR</i>
12:30-13:00	<p>Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Loukas Zahilas, Head of Department for VET Systems and Institutions, Cedefop</i> • <i>Jens Bjornavold, Senior Expert, Cedefop</i>
13.00	End of the workshop