



Working group I: Tax incentives

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Presentations :

Tax incentives to foster education and training – an international overview with special reference to Germany

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An overview of tax incentives to promote VET in EU-12 with special reference to Lithuania

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Incentives for continuing vocational training: Estonian case

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Tax incentives are one of the most common financial instruments used to stimulate investment in learning. Both, corporate and personal income tax laws in several European countries provide diverse incentives. Tax incentives may be for training providers to reduce the price of training provision as well as individuals or companies demanding training. However, there are only a few studies reviewing and evaluating tax treatment of (vocational) education and training expenses. Cedefop has recently initiated research on this topic.

The workshop will provide an international overview of tax incentives and will present the initial findings of Cedefop's study on co-financing in 12 EU Member States, with special reference to selected countries. The following questions will be addressed:

1. What are the types of tax incentives offered by European countries?
2. What is the impact of tax incentives on training participation? What is deadweight loss? What evidence is available?
3. How to target those who do not benefit from tax incentives (for example people with low or no income)?
4. What role can tax incentives play in a more comprehensive funding scheme?