

International workshop

## Future skills needs: Innovation in agri-food and forestry-wood chains

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The workshop is organised in the framework of Cedefop's international network on early identification of skill needs "Skillsnet" ([www.trainingvillage.gr](http://www.trainingvillage.gr)).

### General information

<b>Workshop venue</b>	Portuguese Farmers Confederation (CAP), Lisbon
<b>Organiser</b>	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)
<b>No of participants</b>	Max. 40-60
<b>Participants' profile</b>	Entrepreneurs, managers, labour market experts, researchers, and education specialists in the agriculture and forestry sectors.
<b>Working language</b>	English
<b>Registration fees</b>	Skillsnet members: free of charge; other participants: 50 € *

\* To become a member of Skillsnet network go to [www.trainingvillage.gr](http://www.trainingvillage.gr), click on "Skillsnet" under "Project and networks", then click on "Membership" and fill in the application form. Skillsnet membership is free of charge.

### Workshop objective

The goal of the workshop is to identify the future skill needs in the food and nutrition as well as the forestry and woodworking sector, and new skill needs that are emerging because of new and increasing links with other sectors, including manufacturing and services.

### Background information

The agri-food complex, including the forestry and wood processing sector, is changing fast. The sector is restructuring fundamentally; organizations are operating more and more in networks and chains. The reason for this is to achieve a good trade-off between factors regarding people, planet and profit. Furthermore, there is a lot of research and innovation going on which lead to new products, new production processes, and new ways of marketing oriented towards changing consumer demands. Furthermore, trends like technological innovation, globalization, sustainability, scale enlargement, reducing labour costs, regulations, health protection, risk and hazard management, safety issues, quality management, and even climate change and shifts in power, all influence the present and future tasks of workers involved.

Cedefop, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, is organizing a workshop on the identification of skills needs in the sectors of food and wood. These sectors employ over 6 million persons, apart from the 16 million family forest owners, and the many entrepreneurs in micro-enterprises who do not show up in most statistics.

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Further information about the scope and content of the programme will be available soon. Please, consult the Skillsnet webpage ([www.trainingvillage.gr/etv/projects\\_networks/skillsnet](http://www.trainingvillage.gr/etv/projects_networks/skillsnet)) regularly.