



CEDEFOP

European Centre for the Development
of Vocational Training



Education and Culture DG
Lifelong Learning Programme

Workshop III: Young people's pathways to entrepreneurial thinking

Entrepreneurship is an important area that refers to an individual's ability to turn ideas into action. It is related to creativity, innovation and risk taking, as well as the ability to plan and manage projects in order to achieve objectives. Entrepreneurship is one of the eight competences identified as key for lifelong learning and should be promoted through education at all levels and supported through practical measures (for example, one stop-shop for creating an enterprise, getting a loan, etc.).

Entrepreneurship education is seen to have a greater role in today's society where young people can find apart from job for life careers, but different career pathways, e.g. contract employment, freelancing, self-employment, etc.⁽¹⁾ They should have an easy access to entrepreneurial learning and career guidance support for developing their personal qualities, knowledge, skills and attitudes.

A forthcoming Cedefop study⁽²⁾ is focusing on how to integrate guidance in entrepreneurship learning in vocational education and training (VET) as well as in higher education (HE) across the EU and EEA countries. Moreover, the study is exploring guidance provision to support career management of entrepreneurs at the initial phase of their business start-up.

The following issues will be addressed in the workshop:

- Which measures to support entrepreneurship are taken in your country, for example by promoting the acquisition of relevant key competences and including them in curricula, enabling practical experiences in enterprises and cooperating with experts from businesses?
- What support is provided to teachers in your country, e.g. traineeships for teachers and trainers in enterprises, cooperation between schools and enterprises in order to improve teachers' knowledge of work practices?
- What role do business and enterprises play in developing young people's entrepreneurial skills and competences?
- What have you learned from the workshop's presentations? Which messages do you plan to bring back to your organisation?

⁽¹⁾ idem

⁽²⁾ Cedefop. Guidance supporting Europe's aspiring entrepreneurs - Policy and practice to harness future potential (forthcoming study).