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Learning and working in Europe: a seminar on new opportunities for young people

Students, pupils, guidance professionals and teachers took an active and enthusiastic part in a seminar organised by Cedefop yesterday, in close cooperation with the Liaison Office of the International Hellenic University (IHU), and the participation of Europe Direct (Central Macedonia office). The seminar, which took place at the main amphitheatre of the IHU in the presence of over 200 people, covered:

- future skills and occupations and how education and training can create stronger links to the labour market
- common European tools which aim to make it easier for citizens to work and study throughout Europe.

Professor Nikolaos Moussiopoulos, Deputy Chancellor of the IHU, opened the programme. The Head of Education presented postgraduate programmes at the IHU and how these can be linked to continued studies in other EU Member States.



From the main Cedefop presentation, centre: R. Psifidou and K. Pouliakas. Photo: A. Zymaras, Stereosis

Cedefop experts Rena Psifidou and Konstantinos Pouliakas presented the agency's work and research findings in the form of a dialogue between labour market (K. Pouliakas) – covering issues such as skills mismatches and employment in Greece and Europe - and the world of education (R. Psifidou), covering, among other issues, the European strategic goals for education under the Europe 2020 programme. For more on Cedefop's forecast on skills demand and supply to 2020 please see the recent data published here: <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/news/19704.aspx>

Philippe Tissot, Cedefop's project manager for Europass, explained how citizens can use this tool in order to find employment, education and training opportunities across

the European Union. The Europass website is available in all EU languages:
<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/home>

Finally, Katerina Roumelioti of Europe Direct brought out the practical side of Cedefop's research, by drawing the links with the EU's Lifelong Learning programme - particularly its latest component, Erasmus for All.

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus-for-all/>



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