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The study visits programme
for education and vocational training specialists and decision-makers

Synthesis seminar, Thessaloniki, 6-7 June 2012 - Makedonia Palace Hotel

Empowering vulnerable adults to tackle labour-market challenges

The main objective of the seminar is to discuss policies and practices as well as to explore solutions to challenges faced by vulnerable adults (migrants and ethnic minorities, low-skilled and older people) accessing the labour market.

Participants: the event will be targeted at 40 organisers and participants of the study visits, representatives of initiatives identified as examples of good practice during the visits, experts on the themes and representatives of the national agencies. They have relevant experience and substantial expertise in areas contributing to labour market integration of disadvantaged groups at local, regional, national and European level.

Wednesday, 6 June 2012

Plenary session

Aristotelis room

09.30-10.00

Registration

10.00 – 10.15

Welcome and opening of the seminar

Ms Mara Brugia, Cedefop

10.15 -10.45

**Empowering vulnerable adults to tackle labour-market challenges:
European policy developments**

Ms Eleonora Schmid, Cedefop

10.45 – 11.15

The value of the Study visits programme

Ms Michaela Feuerstein, Cedefop

11.15 - 11.45

Coffee break

11.45 - 12.30

Summary of findings of study visits

Ms Angela Musca and Ms Irina Jemeljanova, Cedefop

12.30 -12.45

Discussion

12.45 -13.00

Introduction to workshops, Ms Angela Musca, Cedefop

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch at the restaurant of the hotel

14.30 – 17.30

Two parallel workshop sessions

(coffee break: 16.00 – 16.30)

Workshop 1

Erato room

Helping adult migrants and ethnic minorities to enter and/or stay in the labour market

Moderator: Ms Angela Musca, Cedefop

Reporter: Mr Mika Launikari, CIMO Finland

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| 14.30 – 14.45 | Introduction |
| 14.45 – 15.00 | Ice-breaking exercise |
| 15.00 – 15.20 | The case of Germany, Ms Maren Gag, Passage Ltd. |
| 15.20 – 15.40 | The case of the Czech Republic, Ms Jarmila Materanková, Labour Office of the Czech Republic - Local Office in Opava |
| 15.40 – 16.00 | The case of Slovakia, Ms Gabriela Dovalova, Institute of Economic Research, Slovak Academy of Sciences |
| 16.30 – 17.30 | Discussion |

Workshop 2

Aristotelis room

Supporting adult low-skilled and older workers (+55) to find a job and/or stay in employment

Moderator: Mr Jasper Van Loo, Cedefop

Reporter: Ms Irina Jemeljanova, Cedefop

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| 14.30 – 14.45 | Introduction |
| 14.45 – 15.00 | Ice-breaking exercise |
| 15.00 – 15.20 | The case of the Netherlands, Ms Joke Dekker-Dingemans, CAOP |
| 15.20 – 15.40 | The case of Belgium, Mr Carlo De Smedt, VDAB Competence Centres |
| 15.40 – 16.00 | The case of Italy, Ms Sylvia Liuti, Associazione FORMA Azione srl |
| 16.30 – 17.30 | Discussion |

20.00

(departure by bus at 18.45)

**Dinner on the courtesy of Cedefop at Anemos restaurant
Megalou Alexandrou 2, Aghia Triada, Tel 23920 51209**

Thursday, 7 June 2012

Continuation of the two parallel workshops, in Erato and Aristotelis rooms

09.30 – 10.00 Working in small groups: **Examples of cooperation between stakeholders**

10.00 - 10.30 Brief reports from the small groups

10.30 – 11.00 Working in small groups: **Visionary thinking and time travelling**

11.00 - 11.30 Brief reports from the small groups

11.30 – 12.00

Coffee break

Plenary session

Aristotelis room

12.00 – 12.30 **Key messages from parallel sessions**

Mr Mika Launikari, CIMO Finland

Ms Irina Jemeljanova, Cedefop

12.30– 13.00 **Closure of the meeting**

Ms Michaela Feuerstein, Cedefop

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch at the restaurant of the hotel