



FORECASTING SKILL SUPPLY AND DEMAND IN EUROPE:

2013 VALIDATION WORKSHOP

Skillsnet technical workshop

4th October 2013, Thessaloniki

General information

Workshop venue	Cedefop
Organisers	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop), Greece; Institute for Employment Research (IER), University of Warwick, United Kingdom.
No. of participants	Maximum 50
Participants' profile	National experts in skills forecasting and labour market development selected by Cedefop
Working language	English

Introduction

Cedefop is organising regular technical workshops to discuss and validate the plausibility of the forecast results for individual countries and overall for Europe. Results at the level of individual countries are increasingly used, along the EU aggregated level. This has led Cedefop to formalize a group of individual country experts. A call for experts was launched in the second half of March 2013 and new national experts were selected in April 2013 based on their experience and expertise. This will be the first meeting of the newly formed group of national experts with Cedefop representatives and the research team.

Workshop rationale and objectives

The workshop will provide an opportunity to bring together the research team with newly appointed national experts. It will provide a platform to discuss:

- the latest results produced for individual countries;
- the working methods and new avenues for the development of the project.

The aim is to involve national experts closely into the process, drawing on their general knowledge and expertise, as well as obtaining substantial country specific insights.

Workshop structure and methods of working

The main working method during the workshop will involve detailed discussion of the outcomes in small groups. Background documents and results (in the form of detailed Excel tables) will be circulated to experts in advance. Participants will be given an opportunity to comment on these in detail, and to contribute to the validation of the main findings. The country group discussions will be facilitated by Country Group Experts, who will help to organise the small group sessions and will report back to the team members.

Agenda

Friday 4th October

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Welcome and introduction</i> Alena Zukersteinova and Vladimir Kvetan (Cedefop)
	Chair: Vladimir Kvetan (Cedefop)
09:30 – 10:30	Session 1: Presentation of new projections <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Main drivers of the forecast</i> Rachel Beaven, Cambridge Econometrics• <i>Further development of qualitative scenario</i> Emilio Colombo, University Milano Bicocca• <i>Forecasts of skill supply and demand</i> Rob Wilson, Institute for Employment Research• <i>Indication of potential imbalances</i> Ben Kriechel, Economix
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2: Structured discussion within country groups <i>Facilitated discussion in 4 country groups led by Country Group Experts</i> Emilio Colombo, Vilius Stanciauskas, Simonas Gausas and Tim Grebe (A short structured questionnaire asking for input from the individual country experts will be circulated in advance)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
	Chair: Alena Zukersteinova (Cedefop)
13:30 – 15:00	Session 3: Further dissemination of results and closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Presentation of preparation of country fiches</i> Cedefop• <i>Wrapping up discussion in country groups</i> Country Group Experts Final plenary discussion/Round table
15:00	End of workshop and transfer to airport/city centre