



FORECASTING SKILL SUPPLY AND DEMAND IN EUROPE: Expert seminar on methodology and new ideas

Skillsnet technical seminar

3rd October 2013, Thessaloniki

General information

Seminar venue	Cedefop
Organisers	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop), Greece.
No. of participants	Maximum 100
Participants' profile	Experts in skills forecasting, anticipation and labour market statistics
Working language	English

Objectives and rationale

Cedefop's skill supply and demand forecast is an important research activity producing high quality information on current and future labour market trends. It provides sound input to labour market intelligence and contributes to informed decisions in the field of education and labour market policies at EU and Member States levels.

Although Cedefop's forecasts have attracted significant interest from different experts, professionals and policy makers, it is not the only skills anticipation activity in Europe. Member States are developing their own forecasting and anticipatory systems. At the same time the European Commission supports financially other projects to understand the trends in the European labour market and the impact of the socio-economic transitions.

The main objective of the seminar is to present and discuss Cedefop methodology with experts from the field to get a critical view and inspirations for future work. The seminar should also create a platform for exchanging ideas and provide opportunity for mutual learning and eventually pointing out possible synergies or areas of future cooperation between on-going initiatives.

The seminar will be organised in six sessions. Each session will discuss different aspects of Cedefop skills forecasting methodology. Presentation will be followed by a contribution prepared by a discussant. The discussant will build upon his/her research experience and will point out key questions for further plenary discussion. A short written summary from each session will be prepared by Cedefop.

Agenda

Thursday 3rd October

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Welcome and introduction</i> <i>Pascaline Descy (Cedefop)</i>
Chair: Alena Zukersteinova (Cedefop)	
09:30 – 10:30	Session 1: Forecasting skills supply & demand - Cedefop modelling approach <i>Presentation: Rob Wilson (IER)</i> <i>Discussant: Baptiste Boitier (Seureco)</i> Open discussion
10:30 – 11:30	Session 2: Creating consistent database and treating breaks in the time series in occupational classification <i>Presentation: Terry Ward (Applica)</i> <i>Discussant: Leif Haldorson (Statistic Sweden)</i> Open discussion
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:00	Session 3: Discussing future trends and possible scenarios <i>Presentation: Rachel Beaven (CE)</i> <i>Discussant: Anna Elisabeth Thum (CEPS)</i> Open discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
Chair: Vladimir Kvetan (Cedefop)	
14:00 – 15:00	Session 4: Measuring potential skills imbalances <i>Presentation: Ben Kriechel (Economix)</i> <i>Discussant: Konstantinos Pouliakas (Cedefop)</i> Open discussion
15:00 – 16:00	Session 5: Introducing more structural approach to labour market forecasting <i>Presentation: Massimiliano Tancioni and Elton Beqiraj (FGB)</i> <i>Discussant: Erez Yerushalmi (IER)</i> Open discussion
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30	Session 6: Combining qualitative and quantitative information for labour market intelligence <i>Presentation: Stephan Humpl (3S)</i> <i>Discussant: Sigrid Rand (IWAK)</i> Open discussion
17:30 – 18:00	Wrapping up and concluding remarks
18:00	<i>End of the seminar and transfer to the city centre</i>
20:30	Dinner