

# 17th ReferNet annual plenary meeting

Sharing expertise on  
vocational education  
and training

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# MEETING OBJECTIVES

The 17th ReferNet annual plenary meeting will welcome new partners under the 2020-23 framework partnership agreement, as well as national representatives of the network and a representative from the European Training Foundation (ETF).

The meeting aims to:

- induct the newcomers, introduce them to the tools available, and provide assistance;
- inform partners of the latest EU VET policy developments;
- take stock of the work carried out in 2019 and the outcomes published and disseminated;
- prepare the 2020 work plan: VET policy reporting, Spotlight, the European skills index, the future of VET in Europe, news, visibility actions, etc.;
- foster partnership and knowledge-sharing through interactive (joint) presentations of national developments, debates, etc.;
- hold individual meetings for deeper cooperation among members and between members and Cedefop experts.

Participants will also have an opportunity to exchange good dissemination practices in a dedicated space where they can display their national publications, newsletters, videos, etc.



8.30-9.00	Participant registration
9.00-9.20	<b>Welcome</b> Jürgen Siebel, <i>Cedefop Executive Director</i>  Chair: Loukas Zahilas, <i>Head of department for VET systems and institutions, Cedefop</i>
9.20-10.00	<b>Session 1. Latest EU VET policy developments</b> Dana-Carmen Bachmann, <i>European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Unit E3 – VET, apprenticeships and adult learning</i>
10.00-10.50	<b>Session 2. Future of VET in Europe – Challenges and opportunities (deliverable 3b)</b> Anastasia Pouliou, <i>Cedefop expert, Department for VET systems and institutions</i>
10.50-11.10	<b>Session 3. National policy developments 2015-19: findings from the policy reporting</b> George Kostakis, <i>VPS team coordinator (VET policies and systems), Department for VET systems and institutions</i>
11.10-11.45	Family photo and coffee break
11.45-12.40	<b>Session 4. VET policies and systems work plan for 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ VET policy reporting: a new approach for collecting and analysing information (deliverable 1a)</li><li>■ Spotlight on VET compilation (deliverable 2a)</li></ul> George Kostakis, Irina Jemeljanova and Vicky Oraiopoulou, <i>VPS team</i>
12.40-13.00	<b>Session 5. Introduction to the thematic afternoon</b> Sylvie Bousquet, <i>ReferNet coordinator, Department for VET systems and institutions</i>
13.00-14.30	Lunch – Time for individual talks Cedefop-ReferNet, mentoring and networking
14.30-15.15	<b>Two parallel sessions:</b> <b>Session 6. Thematic round tables</b> Moderating: ReferNet members, Georgios Zisimos, <i>ETF</i> Participating: national representatives, ReferNet members, Cedefop, ETF and external experts  <b>Session 7. VET policy reporting – Hands-on training on the new approach</b> VPS team, 14 partners
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(coffee available throughout)	
16.30-17.00	<b>Session 8. Presentation of the new extranet</b> Sylvie Bousquet, <i>ReferNet coordinator, Cedefop</i>
17.00-17.20	<b>Conclusions from meeting day 2</b> (national representatives and Cedefop)
17.30	<b>Cultural sightseeing tour</b> Arch of Galerius, Rotunda, Navarino square, Agia Sophia church and Christian Baptistery of St John
19.30	<b>Dinner at Christopher Seafood Restaurant</b> (Leof. Megalou Alexandrou 12, Thessaloniki)

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9.15-9.30	<b>Session 9. Cedefop's anti-fraud strategy</b> Marc Willem, <i>Deputy Internal Control Coordinator</i>
9.30-10.00	<b>Session 10. VET policy reporting: questions and answers on the new approach</b> Iraklis Pliakis, <i>Cedefop expert, VPS team</i>
10.00-11.00	<b>Session 11. Follow-up to the 2019 work plan: articles (deliverable 3)</b>  <b>VET for the future of work</b> Kostas Pouliakas, <i>Cedefop expert, Department for skills and labour market</i>  <b>International mobility in apprenticeships – Focus on long-term mobility</b> Vlasis Korovilos, <i>Cedefop expert, Department for learning and employability</i>  <b>Strategic reflection on Cedefop's strategic area of operation 'valuing VET'</b> Vlasis Korovilos, <i>Cedefop expert, Department for learning and employability</i>
11.00-11.20	Coffee break
11.20-12.25	<b>Session 12. The European skills index: a tool for analysing EU skill systems (deliverable 3a)</b> Ilias Livanos, <i>Cedefop expert, Department for skills and labour market</i>
12.25-13.15	<b>Session 13. Communication opportunities, visibility</b> Gerd Oskar Bausewein, <i>Head of the department for communication</i> Michalis Tanakidis, <i>Publications coordinator</i>
13.15-13.30	<b>Conclusions of the meeting</b> Loukas Zahilas, <i>Head of department for VET systems and institutions</i>
13.30-14.45	Lunch – Time for individual talks Cedefop-ReferNet, mentoring and networking
14.45-16.00	<b>Debriefing with newcomers</b> Sylvie Bousquet, <i>ReferNet coordinator</i>
16.00	End of the meeting



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