



European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training



# Skillsnet and its activities in European skill needs forecasting

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# Skillsnet

## International network on early identification of skill needs

- Set-up phase since 2002
- Official set up in 2004
- Platform for discussions and information exchange
  - ➔ common projects, cooperation, exchange of knowledge, etc.

### Main activities:

- Conferences & Workshops (sectors/innovative approaches)
- Publications

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Projects & Networks

- European Journal
- Policy report
- Non-Formal Learning
- TTnet
- eLearning
- Research Laboratory
- Skillsnet**
- Guidance
- Returns to training
- Quality assurance in VET
- Social P...
- Scenarios and strategies
- Lifelong Le...
- Common c...
- Cedra
- ERO
- Sectoral Tr...

Anticipating Europe's skills needs (2/10/2006)  
More information about Skillsnet, News & Events

## Welcome to Skillsnet the early identification of skill needs network



The Skillsnet brings together highly qualified researchers and other stakeholders from across the world to present and discuss outcomes and methods of research and analysis on new and changing skill needs as well as medium to longer-term prospects of skills available in the labour market.

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## Skillsnet webpage:

[www.trainingvillage.gr/skillsnet](http://www.trainingvillage.gr/skillsnet)

# Feasibility of European skill needs forecasting

- Demand from various actors

## **Expert workshop in Cyprus in October 2005**

- Experts from 14 European countries
- Different approaches, data availability and compatibility of classifications
- Agreement to launch European-wide skill needs forecasting exercise

# Main conclusions from Cyprus

Two paths:

- **Short-term approach**
  - Pan-European forecasting model using data available for all countries (Eurostat)
  - To start with demand side (supply side later)
- **Longer-term approach**
  - Involvement of all European countries
  - To align sources used at national level
  - Maybe new CORE forecasting system

# Short-term approach

Open call for tender launched in 07/2006  
„**Medium-term forecast of occupational  
skill needs**“

- Deadline for submission: 23/08/2006
- Contract awarded to: IER (CE, ROA)
- Final report expected by: Oct/Nov 2007

# Longer-term approach

Our expert workshop today and tomorrow  
as a first step!!!





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**Thank you for your attention!**

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