



European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training



ANTICIPATING EUROPE'S SKILL NEEDS

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Workshop rationale

- the information deficit about future skill needs in Europe discussed and recognised in Cyprus last year;
- common decision on the desirability of launching a European-wide skill needs forecasting exercise achieved by 13 countries;
- Cedefop was asked to continue the initiative and to coordinate further steps along two main paths:
 - in the short term: to create a Pan-European forecasting model which would use data available for all Member States;
 - in the longer term: to involve all European countries in the exercise with the view of harmonising or matching sources used at national level, and with the possibility of creating a new core forecasting system for use by all European countries.

Workshop objectives

- report on developments towards producing a Pan-European forecasting model;
- present various country initiatives on common approaches to skill needs forecasting in Europe;
- compare the sets of consistent information provided by Member States prior to the meeting;
- identify data gaps and possible ways to fill the gaps;
- start the discussion on the supply side projection;
- agree on further concrete steps towards the development of a robust system for European skills need forecasting.