



Agora conference

Matching skills and jobs: anticipating needs in challenging times

Draft agenda

| Wednesday, 10 June 2009 | |
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| 19.30 | Welcome cocktail |
| Thursday, 11 June 2009 | |
| 09.00-09.30 | Registration |
| | Chair: Manfred Tessaring, Cedefop |
| 09.30-10.00 | Welcome and introduction to the <i>New Skills for New Jobs</i> initiative Christian Lettmayr, Deputy Director of Cedefop Jordi Curell Gotor, DG Education and Culture, European Commission |
| | European skills forecasting: the work in progress |
| 10.00-11.00 | Towards regular European skills forecasting: focus on skill supply results Alena Zuckersteinova, Cedefop and Rob Wilson, IER - Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick, UK Discussion |
| 11.00-11.30 | Tea/Coffee break |
| | Skills anticipation in a wider context: current challenges (panel discussion) Chair: Wolfgang Müller, Bundesagentur für Arbeit, Germany |
| 11:30-13.00 | Education and the economic crisis: skills for recovery Dirk Van Damme, OECD Skill needs in the context of globalisation and technological change Maarten Goos, University of Leuven, Belgium Just transition in unjust times: challenges of today, skills for tomorrow Olga Strietska-Illina, ILO Skills for green jobs Peter Szovics, Cedefop Crisis as opportunity: from reconstruction to transformation Riel Miller, xperidox: futures consulting, France |
| 13.00-14.30 | Lunch |

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| 14.30-16.00 | Parallel sessions I | | |
| | <p>Working group I.1: Forecasting skills supply and demand Chair: Sebastian Stetter, DG EMPL, European Commission Rapporteur: Jasper van Loo, Cedefop</p> <p>Regular forecasts of skills supply and demand in Europe Ben Gardiner, Cambridge Econometrics, UK</p> <p>Forecasts and potential labour market imbalances Ben Kriechel, ROA – Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market, the Netherlands</p> <p>Discussion</p> | <p>Working group I.2: Employers' surveys on skill needs Chair: Torsten Dunkel, Cedefop Rapporteur: Bernd Dworschak, FhG-IAO, Germany</p> <p>Cedefop's feasibility study on employers' surveys on skill needs Paola Zito and Emilio Colombo, Gruppo CLAS, Italy</p> <p>Manpower employment outlook surveys Göran Hultin, Caden Corporation, Switzerland</p> <p>Discussion</p> | <p>Working group I.3: Partnership for skills and employment: education, training and enterprises working together Chair: Milena Stoycheva, CEO, Junior Achievement Young Enterprise, Bulgaria Rapporteur: Lucie Davoine, DG EAC, European Commission</p> <p>European university enterprise network Doru Talaba, University Transilvania of Braşov, Romania</p> <p>Education Intelligence - lessons learnt and further actions Marita Aho, Confederation of Finnish Industries, Finland</p> <p>Discussion</p> |
| 16.00-16.30 | Tea/Coffee break | | |
| 16.30-18.00 | Parallel sessions II | | |
| | <p>Working group II.1: Skill mismatch Chair: Julia González, University of Deusto, Spain Rapporteur: Jasper van Loo, Cedefop</p> <p>Addressing skill mismatch in difficult times Peter Sloane, University of Melbourne, Australia</p> <p>Job polarisation in Europe: the roles of technology and globalisation Maarten Goos and Anna Salomons, University of Leuven, Belgium</p> <p>Discussion</p> | <p>Working group II.2: Skill needs in sectors Chair: Radoslaw Owczarzak, Eurofound Rapporteur: Bernd Dworschak, FhG-IAO, Germany</p> <p>Key findings from the 16 sector studies Manuel Hubert, DG EMPL, European Commission</p> <p>Managing sector skills councils Katerina Rüdiger, UKCES, UK</p> <p>Discussion</p> | <p>Working group II.3: Partnership for skills and employment: best practices of partnerships at national and regional level Chair: Gerard Walker, Forfas, Ireland Rapporteur: Lucie Davoine, DG EAC, European Commission</p> <p>The role of forecast in national policy making: Czech experience Vera Czesaná and Jiri Branka, National Training Fund, National Observatory of Employment & Training, CZ</p> <p>The role of regional observatories in France to anticipate and match skills and jobs Christine Bruniaux, Observatoire régional de l'emploi et de la formation, France</p> <p>Discussion</p> |
| 18.30 | Conference buffet on Cedefop's roof terrace | | |

| Friday, 12 June 2009 | |
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| | Matching skills and jobs: the next steps Chair: Torsten Dunkel, Cedefop |
| 09.30-10.30 | Working group reports Summary reports from the parallel sessions Discussion |
| 10.30-11.00 | Beyond 2010: What role for New Skills for New Jobs? Xavier Prats-Monné, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission Discussion |
| 11.00-11.30 | Tea/coffee break |
| 11.30-12.30 | Matching skills and jobs: key policy challenges (roundtable discussion) Chair: Ioanna Nezi, Cedefop |
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| 12.30-13.00 | Conclusions: the way forward Xavier Prats-Monné, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission Aviana Bulgarelli, Director of Cedefop |
| 13.00 | End of conference & lunch |
| 15.00 | Excursion to Petralona and Nea Kallikratia |