



CEDEFOP

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# QUALIFICATIONS

FOR LIFELONG LEARNING  
AND EMPLOYABILITY



5 - 6 OCTOBER 2009  
THESSALONIKI, GREECE

C O N F E R E N C E   P R O G R A M M E





## Sunday, 4 October 2009

19.30 WELCOME COCKTAIL

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## Monday, 5 October 2009

09.00 – 10.00 REGISTRATION

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10.00 – 11.00 WELCOME AND OPENING SPEECHES

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**Peter Kreiml** *Chairman of Cedefop Governing Board*  
**Gordon Clark** *DG Education and Culture, European Commission*  
**Marlies Leegwater** *Bologna Secretariat*  
**An Le Nouail-Marlière** *European Economic and Social Committee*

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11.00 – 11.30 COFFEE BREAK

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11.30 – 13.30 **PART 1**  
**CHANGING QUALIFICATIONS:  
SETTING THE SCENE**

**CHAIR** **Mara Brugia** *Cedefop*

**Jens Bjørnåvold** *Cedefop*  
**Annie Boudier** *Centre for Research on Education, Training and Employment (Cereq), France*  
**Mike Coles** *Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), UK*

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13.30 – 15.00 LUNCH

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Monday, 5 October 2009

15.00 – 17.30 **PART 2**  
PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS

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**WORKING GROUP 1**  
**Qualifications and its stakeholders**

**CHAIR** Isabelle Le Mouillour *Cedefop*  
**RAPPORTEUR** Manfred Polzin *MBO Raad, the Netherlands*

Isabelle Le Mouillour  
**Thematic introduction: Cedefop's perspective**

Karen Evans *University of London, UK*  
Brigitte - Véronique Bouquet *National authority for vocational certification, France*  
Jana Moehren *ASIIN, Engineering sector, Germany*  
Jean-François Lebrun *DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission*

DISCUSSION

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**WORKING GROUP 2**  
**Qualifications as currencies and expressions of value**

**CHAIR** Loukas Zahilas *Cedefop*  
**RAPPORTEUR** Georg Hanf *BIBB, Germany*

Loukas Zahilas  
**Thematic introduction: Cedefop's perspective**

Michel Feutrie *Lille University of Science and Technology, France*  
Mirjam de Jong *VAPRO/OVP, Chemical sector, the Netherlands*  
Petri Lempinen *European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)*  
Jordi Planas *Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain*

DISCUSSION

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**WORKING GROUP 3**  
**Qualifications and lifelong learners**

**CHAIR** Slava Pevec *Grm Cedefop*  
**RAPPORTEUR** Karin Luomi-Messerer *3s, Austria*

Tormod Skjerve *Cedefop*  
**Thematic introduction: Cedefop's perspective**

Jenny Bimrose / Alan Brown *Warwick University, UK*  
Bruno Clematide *Kubix Research and Development, Denmark*  
Jakub Starek *Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic*  
Poul Monggaard *UNI Europa Hair and Beauty*

DISCUSSION

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20.00 CONFERENCE DINNER

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Tuesday, 6 October 2009

9.30 – 10.30 **REPORTS FROM THE WORKING GROUPS**

**CHAIR AND INTRODUCTORY SPEECH** Irene Psifidou *Cedefop*

**WORKING GROUP 1** Manfred Polzin

**WORKING GROUP 2** Georg Hanf

**WORKING GROUP 3** Karin Luomi-Messerer

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10.30 – 11.00 COFFEE BREAK

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11.00 – 12.30 **Key messages**

**CHAIR** Jens Bjørnåvold *Cedefop*

**From national policy-making**

James Calleja *Malta Qualifications Council (MQC)*

Tarja Riihmäki *Ministry of Education, Finland*

**From industry and sectors**

Juan Menéndez-Valdés *Spanish Confederation of Employers' Organisations (CEOE)*

Hans-Detlev Küller *Confederation of German Trade Unions (DGB)*

Mirjam de Jong *VAPRO/OVP, Chemical sector, the Netherlands*

**From research**

David Raffe *Centre for Educational Sociology, University of Edinburgh, UK*

Claudio Demartini *Politecnico di Torino, Italy*

12.30 – 13.30 **Putting the pieces together: qualifications towards 2020**

**CHAIR** Christian Lettmayr *Deputy Director of Cedefop*

Aviana Bulgarelli *Director of Cedefop*

Gordon Clark *DG Education and Culture, European Commission*

Amelie von Zweigbergk *Swedish Ministry of Education and Research, State Secretary*

Micheline Scheys *Flemish Ministry of Education and Training, Belgium*

Arnaldo Abruzzini *Eurochambres, Secretary General*

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13.30 END OF CONFERENCE AND LUNCH

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