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About Cedefop

People's knowledge, skills and competences are at the heart of Europe's economic and social infrastructure. They are a key driver of growth, competitiveness and jobs alongside research and development, physical infrastructure and environment-friendly technologies. Vocational education and training (VET), as a major pillar of lifelong learning, is crucial to Europe's effort to reposition itself in the global economy and respond to its major social challenges.

Cedefop is the European Union's agency for VET. For 2009-11 Cedefop's mission is to support the European Commission, Member States and social partners in developing and implementing European VET policy.

Cedefop's bibliographic database VET-Bib

The library and documentation service of Cedefop assists the centre in its main tasks. With its bibliographic database VET-Bib it offers to stakeholders the most comprehensive and up-to-date collection of European vocational education and training literature.

VET-Bib is an invaluable tool for policy-makers, VET researchers, practitioners, employers and trade unions in Europe.

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- A publication entitled 'Shift to learning outcomes'

Search In... Search for...

Title Shift to Learning Outcomes

- Lifelong learning as the main subject

Search In... Search for...

Main Descriptor lifelong learning No Yes

- Globalization, globalising, etc.

Search In... Search for...

All Fields globali?

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Search In... Search for...

Main Descriptor transparency of qualifications No Yes

Geographic Term EU countries No Yes

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