

FINAL AGENDA

Thursday, 15 October 2009	
09.00-09.30	<i>Registration</i>
Chair: Manfred Tessaring, Cedefop	
09.30-10.00	Welcome and opening speeches Aviana Bulgarelli, Director, Cedefop João Delgado, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission
10.00-11.00	Cedefop's analysis: Sharing the costs of training in the newer EU Member States Patrycja Lipińska, Cedefop and Rimantas Dumčius, Public Policy and Management Institute, Lithuania Discussion
11.00-11.30	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>
Chair: Patrycja Lipińska, Cedefop	
11.30-13.00	Systemic perspective: country examples Financing VET in Hungary: main cost sharing schemes Zsófia Lux, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Department of Adult Training and Vocational Training, Hungary Financing of adults training - Bulgarian example Galia Bozhanova, Director, VET center, Bulgarian Industrial Association, Bulgaria VET financing policies from two points of view Juraj Vantuch, Comenius University, Slovakia Discussion
13.00-14.30	<i>Lunch</i>



14.30-17.30 **Encouraging private sector investment: financing instruments**

Parallel working sessions

Chair: Mária Hrabinská, Cedefop

Rapporteur: Jasper van Loo, Cedefop

Working group I: Incentives for individuals

Hungarian experience in student loaning with reference to some other European countries

Edina Berlinger, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

VET financing in Latvia in times of change

Jānis Gaigals, Director, Ministry of Education and Science, Department of Vocational and General Education, Latvia

Incentives for initial and continuous VET learners in Estonia

Andres Pung, Director, Ministry of Education and Research, Vocational and Adult Education Department, Estonia

Significance of training costs for Romanian employers and employees

Ovidiu Mantaluta, Institute for Educational Sciences, Romania

Chair: Jean Raymond Masson, European Training Foundation

Rapporteur: Philip Ammerman, Navigator Consulting Group Ltd, Greece

Working group II: Incentives for employers

An overview of tax incentives to encourage legal entities to promote VET in the EU with special reference to Lithuania

Simonas Gaušas, Public Policy and Management Institute, Lithuania

ESF co-financing for vocational training: grant schemes for training of employees in Lithuania

Dalia Čiupailaitė, Public Policy and Management Institute, Lithuania

Co-financed training aid in Malta

Joseph Galea, Employment and Training Corporation, Malta

Supporting companies in financing CVET – Czech example

Vera Czesaná, Department Manager, National Training Fund, National Observatory of Employment and Training, the Czech Republic



Chair: Loukas Zahilas, Cedefop
Rapporteur: Iñigo Isusi, IKEI, Spain

Working group III: Obligations for employers

The Human Resource Development Fund in Cyprus: Recent developments and effects of the economic crisis

George Panayides, Director of Training Services, Human Resource Development Authority, Cyprus

Sharing the costs and responsibility in VET in Slovenia

Janja Meglič, Chamber of Crafts and Branko Kumer, Director, School Centre of Ptuj, Slovenia

Training fund in Poland - its effectiveness and future prospects

Łukasz Arendt, University of Łódź, Poland

How to ensure that micro enterprises have access to the Vocational Training Fund in Hungary

Tamás Rettich, Hungarian Association of Craftsman's Corporations (IPOSZ), Hungary

20.00 *Conference dinner*



Friday, 16 October 2009

Chair: Christian Lettmayr, Cedefop

09.00-09.30 **Reports from the working sessions**

09.30-11.00 **The role of European funds in supporting training. Response to the crisis.**

Viktorija Šmatko, Director, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

The EIB Education Lending Paper: Implications for VET Finance

Albert Tuijnman, European Investment Bank

**Examples of anti-crisis measures supported by the ESF in Poland:
How to revitalise the economy by investing in training**

Paulina Mucha, Ministry of Regional Development, Department for European Social Fund Management, Poland

Discussion

11.00-11.30 *Tea/coffee break*

Chair: Christian Lettmayr, Cedefop

11.30-13.00 **Round table discussion**

Towards efficient and equitable VET cost-sharing: priorities for policy and research

Romulus Pop, National Centre for TVET Development, Ministry of Education Research and Innovation, Romania

Petar Terzyiski, Director, Economic Analysis Department, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce

Jean-Raymond Masson, European Training Foundation

13.00-13.30 **Conclusions. The way forward.**

Manfred Tessaring, Cedefop
and
Patrycja Lipińska, Cedefop

13.30-15.00 *Lunch*