



Programme

**A bridge to the future:
European vocational education and training policy (2002-10)**

Conference

Brussels, 17 March 2011

Thursday, 17 March 2011	
09.00-09.30	<i>Registration</i>
09.30-10.50	<p>Opening & welcome</p> <p>Staffan Nilsson, President, European Economic and Social Committee</p> <p>Tarja Riihimäki, Chair, Governing Board of Cedefop</p> <p>Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth (video address), introduced by Pierre Mairesse, Director, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission</p>
	<p>Key note speeches</p> <p>Sándor Czomba, State Secretary, Ministry for National Economy, Hungary</p> <p>Pervenche Berès, Chair of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee, European Parliament</p>
10.50-11.00	<p>Cedefop's policy report 'A bridge to the future'</p> <p>Steve Bainbridge, Cedefop</p>
11.00-11.20	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>
11.20-13.00	<p>Session 1 - Round table discussion: European policy cooperation in vocational education and training: expected benefits</p> <p>Chair: Christian Lettmayr, Acting Director, Cedefop</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • João Delgado, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission • Madlen Serban, Director, European Training Foundation • Carina Lindén, Ministry of Education and Research, Sweden • Helena Strigard, Advisor, Social Affairs, BusinessEurope • Jeff Bridgford, Special Advisor, Non-Executive Director, European Trade Union Institute • Paul Hofheinz, President, The Lisbon Council
13.00-14.30	<i>Lunch</i>

14.30-16.00	<p>Session 2 - Round table discussion: A more attractive and relevant vocational education and training: What matters?</p> <p>Chair: Pascaline Descy, Head of Area, Cedefop</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H��l��ne Clark, Director, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Fran��ois Lebrun, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission • Micheline Scheys, Secretary General, Flemish Ministry of Education and Training, Belgium • Andrea Benassi, Secretary General, The European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME) • Aviana Bulgarelli, Director General, ISFOL, Italy • Jan Muehlfeit, Chairman, Microsoft Europe • Sampo Suihko, President, EUpVET
16.00	<p>Closing speech</p> <p>L��szl�� Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</p>