



Introducing the European skills index Launch event

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European Economic and Social Committee – Room VMA3
Rue Belliard 99-101, 1000 Brussels, Belgium**

Background

Cedefop has been working on compiling a skills index since 2013. Three key dimensions were considered in the development of the European skills index:

- (a) skills development;
- (b) skills activation; and
- (c) skills matching.

These three areas capture various aspects of a country's skills system. In particular, skills development represents the training and education activities that take place in a country, and their immediate outputs in terms of skills developed and/or attained. Skills activation assesses the transition from education to the labour market, while skills matching captures the extent to which skills are effectively used at work and in the labour market in general. Overall, the European skills index measures the comparative performance of EU countries' individual skills system.

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The event aims to introduce the European skills index, as well as present and discuss the results of the 2018 release. Country rankings will be presented along with examples of how this tool can be used to explore a country's skills system and identify areas with improvement prospects. The relationship of a skills system to policy-relevant key employment measures will also be discussed. A panel debate will look at the implications of the index results for skills and labour market policies, and discuss how the European skills index can be used as a policy tool.

Programme

9.00-9.30	Registration and coffee
9.30-10.00	<p>Opening address</p> <p>Christa Schweng, President of the Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship (SOC), European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)</p> <p>Alena Zukersteinova, Acting head of department for skills and labour market, Cedefop</p>
10.00-11.00	<p>Key findings from the 2018 European skills index</p> <p>Ilias Livanos, Expert, Cedefop</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Michaela Saisana, Senior scientific officer and project leader, Joint Research Centre</p>
11.00-12.00	<p>Panel debate: the European skills index as a policy tool</p> <p>Michael Horgan, Policy officer, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</p> <p>Olga Strietska-Ilina, Senior skills and employability specialist, ILO</p> <p>Aviana Bulgarelli, Director of research, INAPP</p> <p>Jörg Markowitsch, Senior partner, 3s Unternehmensberatung GmbH</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Daniela Benavente, Composite indicators expert</p>
12.00-12.30	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p>Alison Crabb, Head of Unit for Skills and Qualifications, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</p>
12.30-13.30	Refreshments