

Youth in education, youth in employment

Boosting European policies for social inclusion

18th CEDEFOP BRUSSELS SEMINAR

23 June 2025



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Programme

23 JUNE 2025 (all times are CET)

09.30 – 10.00	Registration and coffee
10.00 – 10.15	Welcome and scene setting Moderator: Irene Psifidou , <i>Cedefop expert, VET for Youth Team Facilitator</i> ▪ Michał Drozdowicz, Head of Social Politics, Employment and Equal Opportunities Section at the Permanent Representation of Poland to the EU, Chair of Social Question Working Party ▪ Jürgen Siebel, <i>Executive Director, Cedefop</i> ▪ Brigitte van den Berg, <i>Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs</i>
10.15 – 11.15	The role of vocational education and training for empowering NEETs: Cedefop insights ▪ Irene Psifidou, Stefanie Ledermaier, Anthie Kyriakopoulou, Michalis Papazoglou, <i>Cedefop experts</i> ▪ Q&A
11.15 – 11.30	COFFEE BREAK



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11.30 – 12.00

Inspiring practices for activating NEETs

Moderator: **Stefanie Ledermaier**, *Cedefop expert*

Increasing work prospects of NEETs through capacity building

Juan-Anton Gambina, *Principal Executive, Jobseeker Services, Malta*

The use of micro-credentials to support disadvantaged end users

Kati Marin, *Expert in lifelong learning, Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Finland*

Supporting specific groups of NEETs through innovative approaches

Oscar Pasquali, *CEO of Generation Italy*

12.00 – 13.00

Unlocking opportunities for NEETs to create an inclusive European labour market: panel discussion

Moderator: **Irene Psifidou**, *Cedefop expert, VET for Youth Team Facilitator*

- **Koen Bois D'Enghien**, *Policy Officer, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion*
- **Raffaella Kihrer**, *Secretary General, European Association for the Education of Adults*
- **Karolina Malinowska**, *Educational Research Institute – National Research Institute, Polish Ministry of Education*
- **Sabina Casini**, *Senior Adviser, Confederation of German Employers' Associations*
- *Representative of Trade Unions*
- **Yves Magnan**, *Le Forem, Wallonia Public Employment Service*

13.00 – 13.30

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