



Skills supply and demand forecasts:

Preparing new set of updates

Skillsnet technical workshop

23rd - 24th November 2017, Cedefop, Thessaloniki, Greece

General information

Workshop venue	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop), Thessaloniki, Greece
Organisers	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop), Cambridge Econometrics (CE)
No. of participants	Maximum 60 (restricted participation based on invitations)
Participants' profile	National experts in skills forecasting and labour market analysis
Working language	English

Introduction

The preparation of Cedefop's pan-European skills supply and demand forecasts is supported by a network of experts in forecasting and labour market analysis from each EU Member State. Individual Country Experts (ICEs) contribute to increasing the quality of the forecasts by commenting and validating the methods, tools and results. Cedefop organises regular technical workshops to provide a platform for experts to meet and provide feedback to Cedefop. The aim is to involve national experts in the process of preparing the forecasts, drawing on their knowledge and expertise, and to obtain country specific insights.

Workshop rationale and objectives

The workshop will provide an opportunity to bring together the research team and the group of individual country experts, together with Cedefop staff, to:

- Outline the programme of work under the current Framework Contract;
- Validate the final results of the updated projections;
- Discuss inputs for the two sensitivities that will accompany the baseline projections;
- Discuss progress on the methodology to develop a more detailed disaggregation of occupations and the new rules of the EUROSTAT microdata dissemination, and how they are intended to improve or affect the existing approach;
- Present Eurofound's research on the *Future of Manufacturing in Europe*, looking at the impact on employment skills of alternative future scenarios;
- Discuss alternative ways of presenting the results *via* the Skills Panorama;
- Discuss how to extend and improve the dissemination of and engagement with the outputs of the research.

Workshop structure and methods of working

The workshop will be organised as a series of presentations and discussions. Background notes will be circulated in advance. These will be prepared by team members so that participants are informed on the key issues to be debated. The aim of the sessions is to develop a focussed dialogue with individual country experts. For the structured group discussions, each country expert will be allocated to a country group. In each country group, the discussions will be facilitated by a member of the research team and a Country Group Expert (CGE). The CGE will synthesise the country group discussion and report back to the complete workshop group.

Agenda

Thursday 23 rd November	
09:00 – 09:30	Arrival and registration
Chair: Ilias Livanos	
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome and opening Pascaline Descy (Cedefop - Head of Department for Skills and Labour Market) Michael Horgan (DG EMPL)
09:45 – 11:30	Session 1: Skills demand and supply projections: new set of results <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of main results and findings. <i>The project team</i>• Short Q&A session.• Structured group discussion facilitated by CGEs.
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:00	Session 2: Exploring the key macroeconomic uncertainties <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outline of suggested sensitivities to accompany the main projections. <i>Eva Alexandri (CE)</i>• Structured group discussion facilitated by CGEs.
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
Chair: Vladimir Kvetan	
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3: Moving towards more detailed analysis of occupations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis of the EU LFS data and the impact of the new Eurostat confidentiality rules. <i>Terry Ward and Robert Stehrer (Alphametrics)</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving towards detailed analysis of occupations - the use of expert opinion and identification of critical occupations. <i>Rob Wilson (IER)</i> • Short Q&A session. • Structured group discussion facilitated by CGEs.
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Session 4: Key messages – adding value to the results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key results and findings – proposed topics for dissemination. <i>Rachel Beaven (CE)</i> • Presenting the projections in the Skills Panorama – new ideas <i>Rachel Beaven (CE), Alena Zukersteinova, Jiri Branka (Cedefop).</i> <p>Structured group discussion facilitated by CGEs.</p>
17:30	<i>End of day 1</i>
20:00	<i>Dinner</i>

09:00 – 09:30 *Arrival*

Chair: Ilias Livanos

09:30 – 11:00 Session 1: Scenarios for the Future of Manufacturing in Europe

- Introduction to collaboration between CEDEFOP and Eurofound.
Ilias Livanos (Cedefop)
- Extension of baseline results to the European Jobs Monitor
Donald Storrie (Eurofound)
- Emerging findings of Eurofound’s “Scenarios for the Future of Manufacturing in Europe”
Eurofound and CE
- Short Q&A session.

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 12:45 Session 2: ICEs discussions on the Future of Manufacturing in Europe project

- Structured group discussion facilitated by CGEs.

12:45-13:30 Session 3: Closing session

- Introducing the European Skills Index (Ilias Livanos)
- Lessons taken home (Rachel Beaven and Cedefop).
- Concluding remarks.

13:30 *End of the workshop*

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