



Skills supply and demand forecasts:

Preparing new set of updates

Skillsnet technical workshop

24th- 25th November, Cedefop, Thessaloniki, Greece

General information

Workshop venue	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop), Greece; Thessaloniki, Greece
Organisers	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop), Greece; Cambridge Econometrics (CE), United Kingdom Institute for Employment Research (IER), University of Warwick, United Kingdom
No. of participants	Maximum 60 (restricted participation based on invitations)
Participants' profile	National experts in skills forecasting and labour market analysis selected by Cedefop
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.

As of June 2016, Cedefop's skills forecasts are produced by a new research consortium led by Cambridge Econometrics (CE).

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:

- Take stock of the achievements of the preceding 4-year Framework Contract
- Outline the programme of work under the new Framework Contract
- Explain the transition from the preceding to the new Framework Contract, and the changes to the roles of CE and IER

- Present key aspects of the new work programme and how they are intended to improve upon the existing approach
- 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, facilitated by the research team and reported upon by the CGEs.

Agenda

Thursday 24th November	
09:30 – 10:00	Arrival and registration
Chair: Ilias Livanos	
10:00 – 10:30	Welcome and opening Pascaline Descy (Cedefop - Head of Department for Skills and Labour Market) Rachel Beaven (CE – Research team leader)
10:30 – 11:30	Session 1: Understanding the past and anticipating the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievements made in the last four years <i>Rob Wilson (IER) and Vladimir Kvetan (Cedefop)</i> • Overview of the new work plan (Rachel) <i>Rachel Beaven (CE)</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:30	Session 2: Closer look on the roadmap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impacts of Brexit and other macroeconomic issues <i>Rachel Beaven and Eva Alexandri (CE)</i> • Moving towards detailed analysis of occupations - use of expert opinion <i>Rob Wilson (IER)</i> • Analysis of the EU LFS focusing on detailed analysis of occupations <i>Terry Ward and Robert Stehrer (Alphametrics)</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Session 3: Discussing the new work programme

Country groups discussions facilitated by CGEs focussing on following topics:

- Impact of Brexit and shocks to EU economy
- Expert input on detailed analysis of occupations
- Remaining elements of work

16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30 – 17:30 Session 4: Final look back

- Using CGE methods for the assessment of skills mismatch
Rob Wilson (IER)
- Skills mismatch and imbalances (review of the approach)
Ben Kriechel (Economix)

17:30 *End of day 1*

20:00 *Dinner*

Friday 25th November

09:30 – 10:00	Arrival
	Chair: Alena Zukersteinova
10:00 – 10:30	Session 5: Introduction to the day CGE's debrief on the discussion from the session 3
10:30 – 11:30	Session 6: Spreading the news around the world <ul style="list-style-type: none">Data visualisation as a tool for ICEs <i>Rachel Beaven (CE), Ilias Livanos (Cedefop)</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:00	Session 6: Spreading news around the world (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">How to boost the reach of the forecasts? (Panel discussion) <i>Rob Wilson (IER), Tim Grebe (Interval), Ilias Livanos (Cedefop), Vladimir Kvetan (Cedefop)</i>
13:00-13:30	Session 7: Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lessons taken home (Rachel Beaven and Cedefop) Concluding remarks
13:30	End of the workshop

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