



ReferNet 2022 Partnership forum 5-6-7 April 2022: Peer-learning session

Virtual event (CET time)

Each presentation, including discussions, will last 30 minutes maximum.

Wednesday, 6 April 2022	
8.40-9.00	Registration of participants
9.00-9.15	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome and opening by Loukas Zahilas, Head of Department for VET and Qualifications, Cedefop</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chairing: Sylvie Bousquet Department for VET and Qualifications, Cedefop</i></p>
9.15-11.30 (for topics 1 and 2, including a coffee break of 20 minutes)	<p>1. The war... Its impact on VET</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator: Ioannis Katsikis, expert (DVS), Cedefop</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norway – How can VET support refugees/students/pupils from Ukraine? <i>Norway, Margareth Haukås</i> • Romania – Ukraine’s refugee pupils/students are welcome to join Romanian education <i>Romania, Elena Cerkez</i> • Input from other ReferNet partners • Relocation 2.0: Building a path for adult refugee legal mobility in the EU ‘...insights on the work that Cedefop has done on testing how a skill-based complementary pathway for refugees could work with the field work carried out in Greece and Portugal.’ See Cedefop’s recent publication: https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications/9163 Recent podcast: https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/podcasts/episode-4-jobs-refugees-face-ukrainian-crisis <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ioannis Katsikis, expert, Department for VET and Skills, Cedefop</i></p>

	<p>2. Recognition of foreign qualifications</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator: Jerzy Bielecki (PL)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norway – Recognition of foreign qualifications – advantages and challenges <i>Norway, Margareth Haukås</i> Germany – Ten-year experience with the VQRAct (Vocational Qualifications Recognition Act) ‘...we will present the background, describe shortly the recognition processes and provide some information on major experiences with the VQRAct after 10 years’ <i>Germany, Janine Grobe-Rath</i>
11.30-12.00	Coffee break
12.00-13.00	<p>3. Digital transition</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator: Marion Bire (LU)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estonia –IT Academy for VET - expansion and innovation of IT education in VET ‘The presentation introduces the multiannual co-operation programme between the Estonian state, universities, VET schools and ICT companies which aims to contribute to the promotion of IT programmes at EQF level 4, to increase the attractiveness and quality of programmes and to create flexible opportunities or graduates to enter the labour market or continue studies in higher education.’ <i>Estonia, Inga Kukk</i> Italy - Digital transition within the framework of continuing training ‘...the 3rd edition of INDACO-Imprese provides relevant data about the digital transition and digital skills in Italian companies. Carried out by Inapp, the survey addresses 20.000 companies and detects the training demand of Italian companies, following the Eurostat CVTS methodology’. <i>Italy, Concetta Fonzo and Roberto Angotti</i>
13.00-13.30	Coffee break
13.30-14.00	<p>4. Individual Learning Accounts</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator: Paula Strobe (LV)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> France – a few findings from the French Personal Training Account experience ‘... sharing the lessons learnt from the experience developed in France with the new Personal Training Account scheme (<i>Compte personnel de formation, CPF</i>), since 2018’ <i>France, Vincent Joseph</i>

<p>14.00-15.00</p>	<p>5. Report on Labour Shortages and Surpluses</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator: Ines Sancha / Sofia Gutierrez (SP)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Austria – Skills shortages – Findings from the Austrian ‘Skilled Labour Radar’</p> <p>‘Since 2018, ibw has conducted an annual company survey on the demand for skilled workers on behalf of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. This skilled labour radar shows a further increase in the shortage of skilled workers, even in times of the Corona pandemic. The presentation summarises some of the main results of the study’</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Austria, Helmut Dornmayr</i></p> <p>• Slovakia – A three-pillar graduate-tracking system emerging in Slovakia</p> <p>‘Although Slovakia ranked second (86/100) among 31 countries in the European Skills Index 2022 indicator in the "Qualification mismatch" indicator, the criticism of the qualification mismatch by the representatives is very loud and long-term in Slovakia.’</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Slovakia, Juraj Vantuch</i></p>
<p>15.00-15.15</p>	<p>Conclusions and end of the open day</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sylvie Bousquet, Cedefop</i></p>