

**15TH ANNUAL PLENARY MEETING
OF
CEDEFOP'S EUROPEAN NETWORK
OF EXPERTISE ON VET
REFERNET
29 AND 30 NOVEMBER 2017
THESSALONIKI, GREECE**

AGENDA

MEETING OBJECTIVES

The 15th ReferNet annual meeting will be attended by ReferNet members, ReferNet national representatives and representatives from the European Commission and the European Training Foundation. It aims to:

- present the outcomes of the ReferNet project's ex-post evaluation, which was carried out in 2017;
- share the 2018 work plan and help reach common understanding of requirements and guidelines;
- agree on a new approach and template for VET policy reporting;
- work together at defining quality criteria for 'VET in Europe' reports;
- foster partnership and knowledge-sharing through ReferNet-owned sessions, one-to-one meetings and working groups.

Participants will also have an opportunity to exchange good dissemination practices at a dedicated space for displaying their national publications, newsletters, videos, etc.

Wednesday, 29 November 2017 (*Cedefop*)

8.45 – 9.20	<i>Participant registration</i>
9.20 – 9.40	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>James Calleja, <i>Cedefop Director</i></p> <p>Chair: Sylvie Bousquet, <i>ReferNet coordinator</i></p>
9.40 – 10.00	<p>Session 1. Latest EU VET policy developments</p> <p>Message from the European Commission, <i>DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Unit E3 – VET, apprenticeships and adult learning (video)</i></p>
10.00 – 10.30	<p>Session 2. VET policy reporting (2017)</p> <p>Eleonora Schmid, <i>Cedefop expert, VET policies and systems (VPS)</i></p>
10.30 – 11.15	<p>Session 3. The future of VET: 2018 onwards</p> <p>Loukas Zahilas, <i>Head of Department for VET systems and institutions</i></p> <p>Anastasia Pouliou, <i>Cedefop expert, Learning outcomes and qualifications</i></p>
11.15 – 11.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.45 – 12.50	<p>Session 4. ReferNet ex-post evaluation report 2017</p> <p>Sylvie Bousquet, <i>ReferNet coordinator</i></p> <p>Marc Willem, <i>Chair of the ex-post evaluation working party</i></p>
12.50 – 13.10	<p>One-to-one talks / Exchanges / Interviews</p> <p>ReferNet and Cedefop – <i>Partnership</i></p>
13.10 – 14.10	<i>Lunch</i>

14.10 – 15.30	<p>Session 5. VET in Europe reports – Quality criteria (2018)</p> <p>[14.10 – 14.20] Introduction – Dmitrijs Kuļšs, <i>Cedefop expert, VET policies and systems (VPS)</i></p> <p>[14.20 – 15.05] Working groups – <i>ReferNet partners</i></p> <p>[15.05 – 15.30] Reporting in plenary – <i>ReferNet partners</i></p>
15.30 – 15.50	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
15.50 – 16.00	<p>Session 5. (continued)</p> <p>[15.50 – 16.00] Vote – <i>ReferNet partners</i></p> <p>[For online voting go to live.voxvote.com - PIN: 14831]</p>
16.00 – 16.55	<p>Session 6. Drafting and editing – The challenges of writing news items</p> <p>Gary Horsley, <i>Cedefop’s external editor</i></p> <p>Stella Bochori, <i>Cedefop editor</i></p>
16.55 – 17.40	<p>Session 7. Ad-hoc activity outcomes (2017)</p> <p>Article <i>Outreach and guidance in upskilling policies</i>, Pedro Moreno da Fonseca, <i>Cedefop expert, Department for Learning and Employability</i></p> <p>Article <i>Cedefop European public opinion survey on VET</i>, Lidia Salvatore and Ernesto Villalba, <i>Cedefop experts, Department for Learning and Employability</i></p>
17.40 – 17.50	<p>Session 8. Conclusions from meeting day 1</p>
20.00	<p><i>Dinner</i></p>

Thursday, 30 November 2017 (Cedefop)

9.00 – 9.30	<p>Session 9. Skills Panorama – From data to intelligence</p> <p><i>Jiří Braňka, Cedefop expert, Department for Skills and Labour Market</i></p>
9.30 – 10.30	<p>Session 10. ReferNet²</p> <p><i>Open session for ReferNet partners: topic(s) and format to be decided by partners</i></p>
10.30 – 11.15	<p>Session 11. Reporting on VET policies and national VET systems – A new approach in 2018</p> <p>Reporting on VET policy developments – George Kostakis, <i>Cedefop expert, VET policies and systems (VPS)</i></p> <p>VET in Europe interactive tool: planning for 2018 – Dmitrijs Kulšs, <i>Cedefop expert, VET policies and systems (VPS)</i></p> <p>Spotlight in 2018 – Jelena Letica, <i>Cedefop expert, VET policies and systems (VPS)</i></p>
11.15 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break, followed by ‘on-going coffee session’ until 12.20</i>
11.30 – 13.20	<p>Session 12. Guidelines on 2018 VET policy reporting</p> <p>[11.35 – 12.20] Working groups – <i>ReferNet partners</i></p> <p>[12.20 – 13.20] Plenary – <i>ReferNet partners and Cedefop VPS team</i></p>
13.20 – 13.30	<p>The way forward – Conclusions by ReferNet partners and Cedefop</p> <p><i>Sylvie Bousquet, ReferNet coordinator</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Loukas Zahilas, Head of Department for VET systems and institutions</i></p>
13.30	End of meeting