



# Vocational training for the long-term unemployed

## Learning from inspiring practices

### POLICY LEARNING FORUM

#### Final agenda

Thursday 15 June 2017

08.30 – 9.00	<b>Arrival and registration</b>
<i>Chair: Konstantinos Pouliakas (Cedefop)</i>	
9.00 – 09.45	<b>Welcome and introduction to Cedefop's policy learning forum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Cedefop welcome Pascaline Descy (HoD, Cedefop)</li><li>❖ <i>VET for the long-term unemployed: Learning from practice</i> Konstantinos Pouliakas &amp; Jasper van Loo (Cedefop)</li></ul>
09.45 – 10.00	<b>Warm-up exercise</b> Introduction – expectations – learning goals Stelina Chatzichristou (Cedefop)
10.00 – 11.00	<b>Setting the stage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <i>Activation and active labour market policies in OECD countries: Evidence of effectiveness and future challenges</i> John P. Martin (UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy)</li><li>❖ <i>Importance of training and guidance for preventing long-term unemployment: Europe's PES experiences</i> Wolfgang Müller (European Network of Public Employment Services)</li></ul>
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Tea/Coffee break</b>
<i>Chair: Stelina Chatzichristou (Cedefop)</i>	
11.30 – 13.30	<b>Market place – Inspiring case studies from across Europe</b> Lightning presentations
13.30 – 14.30	<b>Lunch</b>
14.30 – 17.30	<b>World café (participants work at theme tables)</b> Which elements and features of training and skills matching programmes for the long-term unemployed increase their effectiveness?

**Assembly line (theme tables – participants rotate)**

What does it take to go from policy priorities to implementation? Participants select and combine promising features and ideas, collect feedback from colleagues at other tables and discuss options to move forward.

17.30 – 20.00 *Cultural event and dinner*

Friday 16 June 2017

*Chair: Jasper van Loo (Cedefop)*

8.30 – 9.00 *Arrival*

**9.00 – 10.00 Keynotes – Insights from Ireland**

- ❖ *Skills matching: time for a more proactive approach by the Public employment services!*

John McGrath (SOLAS)

- ❖ *Profiling the unemployed and second chance education schemes*

Seamus McGuinness (ESRI)

**10:00-10:30 Working session – preparation of plans**

Theme table groups re-join to develop implementation plans

10:30-11:00 *Tea/Coffee break*

**11.00 – 12.00 Selling ideas – Presentation of plans**

Participants present their ideas and plans

*Facilitator: Steve Bainbridge (Cedefop)*

**12.00 – 13.15 Policy panel**

- ❖ Iva Zelic (European Commission)
- ❖ Susanne Kraatz (European Parliament)
- ❖ Ana Azevedo (ISQ Group)
- ❖ Maria Karamesini (Director, OAED, Greece)

Q&A session

**13.15 – 13.30 Closing**

Joachim James Calleja (Director, Cedefop)