



Summary of outcomes

The 2020 annual meeting of [Cedefop community of apprenticeship experts](#) took place in the form of a virtual event on Wednesday 16 September 2020 from 09.30 to 13.00 CET.

Of the 31 Community experts, coming from the EU member State, Iceland, Norway and the UK, 24 participated in the virtual annual meeting:

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| 1. Austria | 9. France | 17. Netherlands |
| 2. Belgium-Flanders | 10. Germany | 18. Poland |
| 3. Belgium-French Speaking | 11. Greece | 19. Portugal |
| 4. Bulgaria | 12. Ireland {Republic} | 20. Romania |
| 5. Czech Republic | 13. Italy | 21. Slovenia |
| 6. Denmark | 14. Latvia | 22. Sweden |
| 7. Estonia | 15. Lithuania | 23. UK-England |
| 8. Finland | 16. Luxembourg | 24. UK-Scotland |

The event highlighted the engagement and interest of experts in the Community activities, and the extensive take-up of their contribution so far, as seen in the high number of users of [Cedefop's database on apprenticeship schemes](#), and the reference to the [synthesis report about how countries were managing the impact of Covid-19 on apprenticeships](#) in the Proposal for a Council Recommendation on vocational education and training (VET) for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience (1 July 2020).

The event was organized around two main sessions.

The first session was dedicated to the [Community 2020 activities](#):

- one activity of knowledge generation on the topics of apprenticeship governance and apprenticeship in-company training design and delivery: progress of experts' contribution (short papers on the topics) was discussed and the next steps regarding their publication for the general audience in 2021 were agreed
- the information sharing activities regarding: a) the [impact of Covid-19 on how countries were managing apprenticeships during the pandemic emergency](#); and b) about the post-Covid-19 measures countries are taking to avoid decrease in apprenticeship provision following/due to the Corona virus crisis.

The second session was dedicated to the strategic orientation of the community for 2021 onwards. Cedefop's intention is that, based on the views and expertise of its members, the Community becomes a reference point for apprenticeships in Europe. Several possible topics were brought forward for the 2021 work-plan. Cedefop and the community members will continue working on its definition in the coming weeks.

The organisation of the meeting as a virtual event proved to be successful and allowed for vivid interaction and exchange. The annual meeting is an internal meeting for the members for the Community.