



# SHAPING LEARNING AND SKILLS FOR EUROPE

CEDEFOP 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

The Egg, Rue Bara 175, Brussels

Cedefop, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

## Programme

Tuesday, 27 May 2025

9.30 – 10.00

Registration and coffee

10.00 – 10.30

### Welcome and opening

Ali Al-Jaberi, *Moderator*

- **Stefan Olsson**, *Deputy Director-General - Jobs, Skills and Social Policies, European Commission*
- **Li Andersson** (Video message), *Chair, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, European Parliament*
- **Mario Patuzzi**, *Chair, Cedefop Management Board*

10.30 – 11.00

### Shaping learning and skills for Europe: Cedefop's take

Through experts' insights and interactive discussion, participants will dive into Cedefop's work and how it contributes to the development of the Union's policy.

Cedefop's Skills Intelligence will take centre stage, as a vital tool for informing policy and supporting effective vocational training and skills development systems that equip learners and organisations with relevant competences.

**Zelda Azzarà, Konstantinos Pouliakas, Lidia Salvatore**,  
*Cedefop experts*



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Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

## Towards the new EU strategy on VET and skills

### From Copenhagen to Herning

*Insights from the progress of the Copenhagen Process, Cedefop and the European Training Foundation (ETF)*

This joint session with Cedefop and the ETF, will present an analysis of countries' progress in implementing the common EU priorities in vocational education and training (VET), highlighting key trends and challenges.

- **Jürgen Siebel**, *Executive Director, Cedefop*
- **Pilvi Torsti**, *Director, European Training Foundation*

### The way forward for VET in Europe

*Panel discussion with EU stakeholders*

The panel will discuss the challenges of implementing EU priorities for VET and the outlook on cooperation and key priorities for the next decade.

- **Joep Bresser**, *Secretary, EUproVET*
- **Cinzia Del Rio**, *President, Section on Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship (SOC), European Economic and Social Committee*
- **Beata Dziemińska-Skowron**, *Ministry of National Education, Poland*
- **Riikka Heikinheimo**, *Director, Confederation of Finnish Industries, Education, Training Working Group, BusinessEurope*
- **Henrik Kjeldsen**, *CEO, EuroSkills Herning 2025*
- **Giuseppina Tucci**, *Board Member, Civil Society Europe*
- **Ludovic Voet**, *Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation*

13.00 – 14.00

### Lunch break – networking

Connect with stakeholders and explore initiatives at dedicated partner stands, including:

- [AILEEN project](#) Centres of vocational excellence in aerospace & defence for advanced manufacturing.
- [WorldSkills - EuroSkills Herning 2025](#).
- [PM<sup>2</sup> Methodologies](#), developed by the European Commission.



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14.00 – 15.15

## Attractiveness of the teaching profession in VET

### *Panel discussion with VET stakeholders*

This session will explore how VET stakeholders, from diverse roles and perspectives, view key factors affecting the attractiveness of the teaching profession, and strategies to address teacher shortages in Europe, also in the context of the upcoming EU teachers' agenda.

- **Theodor Grassos**, *Secretary General, European Association of Institutes for Vocational Training (EVBB)*
- **Petra Kogelnig**, *General Secretary, European Parents Association*
- **Irene Psifidou**, *Expert, VET for Youth, Teachers and Trainers Team Facilitator, Cedefop*
- **Agnes Roman**, *Senior Policy Coordinator, European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE)*
- **Daniel Wisniewski**, *Secretary General, European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE)*
- **Brikena Xhomaqi**, *Director, Lifelong Learning Platform*

15.15 – 16.00

## The future of European policies and Cedefop's role

Cedefop stakeholders will explore the evolving landscape of European policies, focusing on the key challenges and opportunities shaping the future of vocational education and training. Cedefop's pivotal role in supporting policy development, research, and innovation will be discussed in the context of these emerging trends.

- **Barbara Dorn**, *Director, Education/Vocational Training, Confederation of German Employers' Associations (BDA)*
- **Carlo Frising**, *Deputy Director, Chamber of Employees (CSL), Luxembourg*
- **Andrea Leruste**, *Deputy Head of Unit EMPL.B3, European Commission*
- **Robert Plummer**, *Senior Adviser, BusinessEurope*
- **Peter Thiele**, *Deputy Director for VET Policy, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany*



16.00 – 16.30

## Closing remarks

**Mario Nava**, *Director-General – DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (EMPL), European Commission*

**Jürgen Siebel**, *Executive Director, Cedefop*

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Celebratory cocktail



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