

DRAFT AGENDA

Cedefop-OECD expert forum **Upskilling, reskilling and employing adult refugees** **3 October, Rome, Italy**

Centro Congressi Roma Eventi-Piazza di Spagna (Via Alibert, 5a – 00187 Roma)

8.30 – 9.00	Registration and welcome coffee
9.00 – 9.15	Introductory session <p style="text-align: right;">Chair: Mara Brugia, Deputy Director Cedefop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ana Carla Pereira, Head of the Skills Unit, DG Employment • Stefano Scarpetta, Director, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD • Antonio Ranieri, Head of Department for Learning and Employability, Cedefop
9.15 – 10.45	Round table 1: National VET and VET-related measures to support integration strategies <p style="text-align: center;">Aim: discussions on what the national VET and VET-related measures are/should be to help adult refugees to integrate quickly into the labour market, and on how countries have responded to recent arrivals</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chair: Theodora Xenogiani, Senior Economist, OECD</p>
9:15 – 09:45	Presentation of national practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliane Arnet, Expert, Federal Department of Justice and Police, Labour Market Integration Division, Switzerland • Oliver Diehl, Referent, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany • Iraklis Pliakis, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, Greece
09:45 – 10.45	Discussions Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Have countries introduced new labour market integration strategies or are they using existing ones to address the new needs of refugees?</i> • <i>To what extent are strategies customised to the needs of the different refugee groups, including asylum seekers for whom decision is pending and those in transit?</i> • <i>Do strategies also take into account regional skills shortages as basis for</i>

	<p><i>relocation in the country?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To what extent do national integration strategies make use of measures such as:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>skill assessment, validation and recognition of formal qualifications, and skills acquired non-formally and informally?</i> ○ <i>skills needs identification?</i> ○ <i>VET programmes for skilling, upskilling, reskilling?</i> ○ <i>guidance and counselling?</i> ○ <i>entrepreneurial support?</i> • <i>Are these measures used in a holistic/integrated way? How early are they applied?</i> • <i>What have been the practical challenges in ensuring provision of such measures and how have they been addressed in your country?</i>
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:45	<p>Round table 2: Governance and funding of national integration strategies</p> <p>Aim: discussions on issues of governance and funding of national labour market integration strategies for adult refugees, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the role of different stakeholders and their cooperation • available financial instruments (national and European sources) <p style="text-align: right;">Chair: Pedro Moreno Da Fonseca, Expert, Cedefop</p>
11.15 – 11.45	<p>Presentations of national practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miren Aranzazu Criado Nanclares, <i>General Sub-Directorate for the Integration of Migrants, Ministry of Employment and Social Security, Spain</i> • Tiina Polo, <i>Senior Specialist, Employment and Entrepreneurship Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Finland</i> • Riccardo Mattei, <i>Coordinator of the Support Group for Relocation</i>, and Simona Spinelli, <i>Head of Dublin Unit, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Italy</i>
11.45 – 12.45	<p>Discussions</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What should be the role of cooperation across institutions within countries and how has it been achieved (or not) in your country?</i> • <i>What has been the role of other stakeholders such as social partners and NGOs in ensuring the right VET and VET-related measures are in place as quickly as possible?</i> • <i>What is/should be the role of available national and European financial instruments (Asylum Migration and Integration Fund, European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived)?</i>
12.45 – 14.15	Lunch

14.15 – 15.45	<p>Round table 3: VET and VET-related solutions to support relocation strategies within the EU</p> <p>Aim: discussions from a European perspective, on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • possible VET and VET-related solutions that could support relocation of adults in clear need of international protection within Europe, favouring rapid labour market integration • cooperation mechanisms between a transit country and a host country <p style="text-align: right;">Chair: Ramona Carmen David Craescu, Expert, Cedefop</p>
14.15 – 14.45	<p>Presentations by researchers and international organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivan Martin, Professor, Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute • Representative of UNHCR • Natalia Popova, Senior Labour Economist, Labour Migration Branch, ILO
14.45 – 15.45	<p>Discussions</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Could VET and VET-related solutions be used to support relocation of adults in clear need of international protection within the EU?</i> • <i>Could these solutions be linked to labour market shortages in a host country to favour relocation and rapid labour market integration in this country?</i> • <i>How could cross-country cooperation be organised?</i>
15.45 – 17.00	<p>Panel discussions: What next?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chair: Stefania Rossi, Manager, Employment and Welfare Department of Confindustria, Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arnaldo Abruzzini, CEO, Eurochambers • Valeria Ronzitti, General Secretary, Ceep • Liliane Volozinskis, Director for Social Affairs and Employment Policy, UEAPME • Thiebaut Weber, Confederal Secretary, ETUC • Henrik Bach Mortensen, Executive Director, Confederation of Danish Employers • Ana Carla Pereira, Head of the Skills Unit, DG Employment <p>Questions and answers</p>
17.00 – 17.15	<p>Final remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of International Migration Division, Directorate for Employment Labour and Social Affairs, OECD
17.15 – 17.30	<p>Closing message</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luigi Bobba, State Secretary at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Italy