

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Irene MANDL



Irene Mandl joined Cedefop as Head of Department for VET and Qualifications in 2025. Her department work supports the EC, Member States and social partners in fostering policy developments and accelerating the pace of VET reforms, focuses on strengthening EU cooperation and informing political discussions on the future of VET.

Irene holds Master's degrees in international business administration (with specialisation in marketing and organisational planning) and in business and law (with specialisation in HR management).

Before joining Cedefop, she worked in policy-oriented socioeconomic research in the fields of employment and labour market, as well as entrepreneurship and industry analysis. She was Head of the research unit 'Employment' at the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) where she was leading the cross-European research on labour market developments (including new forms of work and employment and the future of work, digitalisation, climate change, restructuring and related public policy approaches) and topics at the intersection of employment and entrepreneurship (such as job creation, workplace practices, small and medium-sized enterprises, business start-ups and scale-ups and internationalisation, including HR management in international businesses). Most recently, she was Head of Unit Information and EURES at the European Labour Authority (ELA) where she was responsible for the Agency's activities related to information provision to intra-EU mobile workers as well as for the management of the European Coordination Office of EURES, a European network facilitating job and skills matching across Europe.

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