

22nd ReferNet annual plenary meeting

20 and 21
November 2024
Thessaloniki



22ND ANNUAL PLENARY MEETING OF REFERNET, CEDEFOP'S EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR VET

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PROGRAMME

Plenary meeting, Wednesday 20 November 2024

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| 9.00-10.00 | Participant arrival and registration |
| 10.00-10.15 <i>Europa</i> | Welcome and opening of the 22nd ReferNet plenary meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jürgen Siebel, Cedefop Executive DirectorLoukas Zahilas, Head of Department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop |
| 10.15-10.45 <i>Europa</i> | Session 1. Keynote speech: AI, digital education content and IP in education Kari Kivinen, European Union Intellectual Property Office <i>Chair: Loukas Zahilas, Cedefop</i> |
| 10.45-11.15 <i>Europa</i> | Session 2. Latest VET policy developments Hjordis Virgarsdottir Dalsgaard, DG EMPL, European Commission <i>Chair: Loukas Zahilas, Cedefop</i> |
| 11.15-11.30 | COFFEE BREAK AND FAMILY PHOTO |
| 11.30-12.15 <i>Europa</i> | Session 3. Europe's skills challenges: learning from the European Year and ways forward |

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| 12.15-13.00 <i>Europa</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jasper van Loo, Coordinator, Department for VET and skills, CedefopIlias Livanos, Expert, Department for VET and skills, Cedefop <i>Chair: Ioannis Katsikis, Cedefop</i> |
| 13.00-14.00 | Session 4. Cedefop strategic planning – 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none">George Kostakis, Coordinator, Department for VET and qualifications, CedefopRamona David and Jasper van Loo, Coordinators, Department for VET and skills, Cedefop <i>Chair: Ioannis Katsikis, Cedefop</i> |
| 14.00-14.20 <i>Europa</i> | LUNCH BREAK |
| 14.20-15.30 <i>Rousseau</i> | Session 5. ReferNet: state of the network 2024-25 Ioannis Katsikis, ReferNet coordinator, Cedefop <i>Chair: George Kostakis, Cedefop</i> |
| | Session 6. Workshop – peer learning exercise for the national representatives ReferNet national representatives <i>Moderators: Ioannis Katsikis and George Kostakis, Cedefop</i> |

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| 14.20-15.30 <i>Montessori</i> | Session 7. Workshop – peer learning exercise for coordinators on communication and dissemination activities ReferNet national coordinators and team members <i>Moderators: Theodora Panagiotidou and Cristina Comunian, Cedefop</i> |
| 15.30-15.45 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 16.00-17.00 <i>Montessori</i> | Meeting with newcomers – open discussion Ioannis Katsikis, Chryssa Zekou, Philippe Joureau, Theodora Panagiotidou |
| 16.00-17.00 <i>Rousseau</i> | Bilateral meetings with Cedefop country managers networking opportunities |
| 17.00-17.30 | End of first day and transfer to the hotel |
| 19.00 | Meeting at the hotel lobby (walk to the restaurant) |
| 19.30 | Dinner at Kazaviti, city center (9 Katouni St., 54625, Thessaloniki) |

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**Session 8.
Review of the 2024 ReferNet workplan**

Supporting the comparison and recognition of qualifications

Zelda Azzara, Carita Blomqvist and Vasileios Symeonidis, Cedefop

Thematic perspective on implementing national priorities in line with NIPs

Silke Gadji, Eirini Monsela, Ines Sancha, Rieke Preuss, Anthie Kyriakopoulou, Irina Jemeljanova, Department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop

Chair: George Kostakis, Cedefop

11.00-11.15

COFFEE BREAK

11.15-13.15

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**Session 9.
Preparing the 2025 ReferNet workplan**

Spotlight on skills

Jasper van Loo and Stelina Chatzichristou, Cedefop

VET excellence and inclusion for the 21st century

Anastasia Pouliou and Vasilis Symeonidis, Cedefop

Financing adult learning/CVET and recent developments on ILA

Mantas Sekmokas and Patrycja Lipinska, Cedefop

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Microcredentials: labour market sector relevance, quality, and inclusion

Anastasia Pouliou and Iraklis Pliakis, Cedefop

Chair: Ioannis Katsikis, Cedefop

LUNCH BREAK

Session 10.

Cedefop turns 50: drawing on the past to shape the future of VET, skills, and learning for Europe

Jürgen Siebel, Cedefop Executive Director

ReferNet Award session

Chair: Loukas Zahilas, Cedefop

Session 11:

20 years together: country contributions

CROATIA

Two decades of progress: transforming Croatia's VET landscape: the journey so far and the road ahead, Nino Buić

BULGARIA

Skills for a competitive Bulgaria: a story of VET evolution and successful partnership 2007-24, Petya Evtimova

CYPRUS

TVET reform and modernisation in Cyprus over the past 20 years, Christiana Charilaou

CZECHIA

The story of VET (2004-24), Martina Kanakova

ESTONIA

Estonian vocational education: a 20-year journey aligned with EU goals, Rita Kask

16.15-16.30

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HUNGARY

Ups and downs: 20 years of VET in Hungary, Éva Mező

LATVIA

Latvian VET 20 years in the EU – from struggle to breakthrough, Paula Zvejniece

Chairs: Eirini Monsela and Theodora Panagiotidou, Cedefop

COFFEE BREAK

Session 12:

20 years together: country contributions

LITHUANIA

Two decades of change: modernising VET in Lithuania, Julius Jakučinskis

MALTA

Skills for tomorrow: Malta's VET milestones since the EU accession. Celebrating 20 years of growth in vocational education and training, Francesca Ruisi

POLAND

Transformation of Poland's national VET system over the past 20 years, Jerzy Bielecki

ROMANIA

European VET policies shaping Romanian VET, Elena Cerkez & Gabriel Radu

SLOVAKIA

Twenty years together with Cedefop: Slovak National Observatory (ReferNet Slovakia) point of view, Juraj Vantuch

SLOVENIA
Development of VET in Slovenia, Metka Šlander

Chairs: Aristos Theocharous and Rieke Preuss, Cedefop

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Concluding remarks

George Kostakis and Ioannis Katsikis, Cedefop

18.00-18.30

End of the meeting and transfer to the hotel