

A bridge to the future - European VET policy 2002 to 2010

Conference

Brussels, 17 March 2011

Draft agenda
(Speakers to be confirmed)

Thursday, 17 March 2011	
09.00-09.30	<i>Registration</i>
09.30-10.40	<p>Opening</p> <p>Tarja Riihimäki, Chair, Governing Board of Cedefop</p>
	<p>Welcome speech</p> <p>Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth</p>
	<p>Key note speeches</p> <p>Sándor Czomba, State Secretary, Ministry for National Economy, Hungary</p> <p>Pervenche Berès, Chair of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee, European Parliament</p>
10.40-10.50	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Steve Bainbridge, Cedefop</p> <p>Cedefop's policy report "A bridge to the future"</p>
10.50 - 11.10	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>
11.10 -13.00	<p>Session 1 - Round table discussion: European policy cooperation in vocational education and training: expected benefits</p> <p>Chair: Christian Lettmayr, Acting Director, Cedefop</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffan Nilsson, President, European Economic and Social Committee <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helene Clark, Director, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission • Madlen Serban, Director, European Training Foundation • Carina Lindén, Ministry of Education and Research, Sweden • Philippe de Buck, Director General, BusinessEurope • John Monks, General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation • Paul Hofheinz, President, The Lisbon Council
13.00-14.30	<i>Lunch</i>

14.30-16.00	<p>Session 2 - Round table discussion: A more attractive and relevant vocational education and training: What matters?</p> <p>Chair: Pascaline Descy, Head of Area, Cedefop</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xavier Prats Monnè, Deputy General Director, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georg Fischer, Director, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission • Micheline Scheys, Secretary General, Department of Education and Training, Flemish Ministry of Education and Training, Belgium • Andrea Benassi, Secretary General, The European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME) • Jan Muehlfeit, Chairman, Microsoft Europe • Sampo Suikko, President, EUpVET
16.00-16.15	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p>Christian Lettmayr, Acting Director, Cedefop</p>
16.15	<p>Closing speech</p> <p>László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</p>