


Conference Programme

The Future of Vocational Education and Training in Europe

MONDAY, JULY 9 – TUESDAY, JULY 10 2018

Permanent Conference and Media Centre, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna



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Digitalisation, globalisation, migration and an ageing population are only a few of the key factors impacting on the world of work at the onset of the 21st century and thereby making new demands on vocational education and training systems in Europe. Heightening skills demands and ever-changing job profiles at all qualification levels call on European VET systems to be responsive to short-term economic demands, while maintaining their necessary stability and predictability. The question arises whether VET systems are prepared for the future, to continue delivering high quality, inclusive education and training, and to provide individuals and the labour market with the right set of skills.

- What are the external factors impacting on European VET systems and in what way might they lead to changes in existing institutional, pedagogical and political approaches and priorities?
- To what extent are current and future impacts disruptive to established European VET systems and what is our joint vision of VET in Europe post 2020?
- What challenges should be tackled jointly by EU member states and how can EU level policy cooperation create added value and support to national systems in the post 2020 era?

The conference is organised by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research in cooperation with the Austrian Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs and the European Commission within the context of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

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DAY OF ARRIVAL: Sunday, 8th of July 2018

All day	Arrival of Participants
All day	Check-In and Registration at Courtyard by Marriott Vienna Prater/Messe

DAY 1: Monday, 9th of July 2018

08:00	Transfer to Austria Centre Vienna
08:30	Registration at Austria Centre Vienna and Morning Coffee
09:00 – 15:15	SESSION 1: The Future of Vocational Education and Training in Europe – Trends, Challenges, Opportunities
09:00	Welcome Speech by the Austrian Presidency Margarete Schramböck, Federal Minister for Digital and Economic Affairs Heinz Faßmann, Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research
09:45	Welcome Speech by the European Commission Ann Branch, Acting Director for Skills, DG EMPL, European Commission
10:15	Key Note 1: “Future Skills – The Right Mix” Sabine Herlitschka, Infineon Technologies
10:45	Coffee Break
11:15	Key Note 2: “The changing role and nature of VET in Europe” Jens Bjornavold, CEDEFOP
11:45	Conference Aims and Setting - Brief Input from AT Presidency
12:00	Lunch
13:15 – 14:45	Working Sessions: Future of VET – Implications for VET systems, policies and pedagogies

Session 1:
VET Systems of the Future -
Diversification and expansion
of VET provision

Chair: Thomas Mayr (ibw)

Case 1:
Vocationalisation of Education
and Training Sectors/
Academisation of VET/VET in
a lifetime perspective
**Sylvia Lindqvist, Swedish
National Agency for
Education**

Case 2:
Expansion of VET to all NQF
levels
Cornelia Oertle, EHB

Session 2:
VET Policies of the Future
Responsiveness of VET

Chair: Jörg Markowitsch (3s
Unternehmensberatung)

Case 1:
Keeping Curricula up to date –
process factors and the use of
labour market intelligence -
Netherlands
Simon Broek, Ockham IPS

Case 2:
Content and form of curricula /
profiles
Tbc.

Session 3:
VET Learners of the Future -
New learning environments
and pedagogies

Chair: Agnes Roman
(European Trade Union
Confederation)

Case 1:
Learning between Virtual
Reality and Hands on training
Reinhard Pittschellis, Festo

Case 2:
Organisation of learning
environments that support
active learning / integrative

		approaches to the acquisition of transversal competences Usoa Cuende & María Aurtenetxe, Tknika
Round Tables in groups of 10	Round Tables in groups of 10	Round Tables in groups of 10

14:45 Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:30 SESSION 2: VET in Austria – Success Factors, Challenges, Response to Current Trends and Future Developments

15:15 Key Note 3: Reflecting on VET in Austria
Peter Schlögl, University of Klagenfurt
Annette Ostendorf, University of Innsbruck

15:45 Show-Case: Austrian EuroSkills and WorldSkills Champions – 2008-2018
Introduced and Facilitated by: Johannes Fraiss, Austrian Economic Chambers and Martina Kaufmann, Member of National Council
Sebastian Buschek, SILVER – WorldSkills 1999
Matthias Lemp, GOLD sanitation and heating technology – WorldSkills 2003
Michaela Muster, SILVER restaurant service – WorldSkills 1999
Benjamin Poredos, GOLD CNC turning – WorldSkills 2009
Jacqueline Tanzer, MEDALLION FOR EXCELLENCE graphic design – EuroSkills 2014 und WorldSkills 2015

16:30 End of Day 1 and Transfer to Hotel

DAY 2: Tuesday, 10th of July 2018

08:00	Transfer to Austria Centre Vienna
08:15 – 09:00	Morning Coffee
09:00 – 11:00	SESSION 3: Reality Check
09:00	Panel Discussion with VET Practitioners: “How are trends and challenges perceived in VET practice?” Franz Reithuber, HTL Steyr (technical VET College) Radoslav Sebena, Miba Bicca Olin, OBESSU Verena Spitz, BAWAG PSK Gunilla Almgren, REGAB Reglerarmatur AB (SME)
10:00	Gathering Evidence: “What can the public opinion tell us?” Gertraud Leimüller, Innovation Process with Enterprises Marius Busemeyer, University of Constance
10:45	Wrap-Up, Summary of Discussions and Next Steps
11:00	Coffee Break
11:30 – 14:00	SESSION 4: European Policy Cooperation in VET post 2020
11:30	Key Note 4: “Future of VET and EU Policy Cooperation in VET post 2020” Dana Bachmann, Head of Unit for VET, Apprenticeships and Adult Learning, DG EMPL, European Commission
12:00	Panel Discussion on “EU Policy Cooperation in VET post 2020”
12:00 – 12:45	Perspective of Member States: Christian Dorninger, Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research Matthias Tschirf, Austrian Ministry for Digital, Business and Enterprise Maria Todorova, Bulgarian Ministry of Education, Youth and Science Seija Rasku, Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture Dana Stroie, Romanian National Centre for TVET Development
12:45 – 13:30	Perspective of European Commission and Social Partners: Joao Santos, Deputy Head of Unit for VET, Apprenticeships and Adult Learning, DG EMPL, European Commission Cesare Onestini, ETF Tbc., CEDEFOP Thiebaut Weber, ETUC Liliane Volozinskis, UEAPME
13:30	Conclusions and Outlook Alexander Hölbl, Austrian Ministry for Digital, Business and Enterprise Jürgen Horschinegg, Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research
14:00	End of Conference
14:00	Lunch & Farewell
15:30	Transfer to Hotel