ReferNet
annual plenary
meeting 2018

Sharing expertise on
vocational education
and training

Cedefop, Thessaloniki

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Meeting objectives

The 16th ReferNet annual meeting will be attended by national representatives for ReferNet (21 and 22 November), ReferNet members (22 and 23 November), representatives from the European Commission and the European Training Foundation, and Cedefop experts involved in ReferNet activities. It will aim at:

- informing ReferNet members and national representatives of the latest EU VET policy developments, the needs for information and analysis on VET at European level and how this impacts the network's activities;

- preparing the 2019 ReferNet work plan;

- reflecting and sharing experiences on the scope and process of the validation of ReferNet deliverables;

- focussing on digitalisation and the future of work, through presentations by Cedefop and ReferNet partners;

- organising a Knowledge-sharing platform on VET funding, piloted by ReferNet partners;

- accommodating individual meetings for deeper cooperation among members and between members and Cedefop experts.

Participants will also have an opportunity to exchange good dissemination practices at a dedicated space for displaying their national publications, newsletters, videos, etc.

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Wednesday, 21 November 2018

Cedefop, Montessorri

8.50-9.20	**Participant registration**
9.20-9.40	**Welcome and introduction** Loukas Zahilas, *Head of the Department for VET systems and institutions, Cedefop* **Chair:** Sylvie Bousquet, *ReferNet coordinator, Department for VET systems and institutions, Cedefop*
9.40-10.00	**Session 1. Presentation of the participants** National representatives for ReferNet ReferNet focus group members Cedefop ReferNet and VPS (VET policies and systems) teams
10.00-10.20	**Session 2. What is ReferNet?** Sylvie Bousquet, *ReferNet coordinator*
10.20-10.50	**Session 3. Validation of ReferNet deliverables – Scope and process** Sylvie Bousquet, *ReferNet coordinator* George Kostakis, *VPS team coordinator (VET policies and systems), Department for VET systems and institutions, Cedefop*
10.50-11.20	**Coffee break**
11.20-12.10	**Session 4. Validation of ReferNet deliverables – National representative' and ReferNet partner' perspectives** Jerzy Bielecki, *national representative for ReferNet Poland* Nadine Nerguisian, *national representative for ReferNet France* Ciprian Fartuşnic, *national representative for ReferNet Romania* Paula Paronen, *member of the ReferNet focus group, ReferNet Finland*
12.10-13.15	**Session 5. Working groups (role of national representatives; new scenarios for validation; messages; charter)** WGs 1 and 2 (national representatives) WG 3 (focus group members)
13.15-14.15	**Lunch break**
14.15-15.30	**Session 5. Working groups (continued)** WGs 1 and 2 (national representatives) WG 3 (focus group members)
15.30-16.00	**Coffee available throughout Session 5 until 16.00**
16.00-16.30	**Session 6. Reporting from working groups – Plenary discussion**
16.30-16.45	**Conclusions from meeting day 1**
19.00	**Cocktail party at VIN (Katouni 31; 54625-Thessaloniki)**

Thursday, 22 November 2018

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8.45-9.20	**Participant registration**
9.20-9.40	**Welcome and introduction** Mara Brugia, *Cedefop Acting Director* **Chair:** Sylvie Bousquet, *ReferNet coordinator, Cedefop*
9.40-10.10	**Session 1. Latest EU VET policy developments** Jan Varchola, *European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Unit E3 – VET, apprenticeships and adult learning*
10.10-11.10	**Session 2. ReferNet informing VET developments in Europe** George Kostakis, *VPS team coordinator (VET policies and systems), Department for VET systems and institutions, Cedefop* Pedro Moreno da Fonseca, *Cedefop expert, Department for learning and employability* Judit Gömörine, *ReferNet Hungary* Baiba Ramina, *ReferNet Latvia*
11.10-11.45	**Family photo and coffee break**
11.45-13.15	**Session 3. Machines, robots, people and skills: are we prepared for the future of work? (cf. Article on digitalisation, 2018 work plan)** Kostas Pouliakas, *Cedefop expert, Department for skills and labour market* Wolfgang Bliem, **New apprenticeship programmes for digitalisation, ReferNet Austria**
	Ute Hippach-Schneider, **Industry 4.0: term-relevance-impact on VET**, *ReferNet Germany* Inés Sancha Gonzalo, **Use of big data techniques for skills anticipation,** *ReferNet Spain*
13.15-14.15	**Lunch break (ongoing until 14.15)**
14.15-15.15	**Session 4. Role of national representatives/Validation of ReferNet deliverables – Reporting from day 1 and discussion in six mixed groups** *Moderating: focus group members* *Participating: national representatives, ReferNet members*
15.15-15.45	**Coffee break (ongoing from 14.15)**
15.45-17.00	**Session 5. Reporting on VET policies and national VET systems – next steps** George Kostakis, *VPS team coordinator: Policy reporting, National news on VET, Spotlight Compilation 2018* Dmitrijs Kulšs, *Cedefop expert, VPS team: VET in Europe reports and online tool*
17.00-17.10	**Conclusions from meeting day 2**
17.10-17.40	**Partnership time – Individual meetings**
18.00	**Visit to Noesis, Thessaloniki Science Centre and Technology Museum**
20.00	**Dinner at Garçon Brasserie (Nikis and Agias Sofias)**

Friday, 23 November 2018

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9.00-9.30	**Participant registration**
9.30-10.00	**Session 6. Long-term international mobility of apprentices – Thematic perspective (cf. article in 2019 work plan)** Vlasis Korovilos and Lisa Rustico, *Cedefop experts, Department for learning and employability*
10.00-10.30	**Session 7. The European skills index: a tool for analysing EU skill systems** Ilias Livanos, *Cedefop expert, Department for skills and labour market*
10.30-11.45	**Session 8. ReferNet knowledge-sharing platform (NEW): 'Is training a consumer good like any other? Focus on three systems'** Vincent Joseph, *ReferNet France* Hans Almgren, *ReferNet Sweden* Anneke Westerhuis, *ReferNet Netherlands*
11.45-12.15	**Coffee break (ongoing until 13.00)**
12.15-13.15	**Session 9. Partnership time: Individual meetings for…** ■ watching the video 'Vocational education and training: future challenges' (2018) ■ deepening the debate (Session 7) ■ meeting with other partners (joint projects, late peer review) ■ meeting with Cedefop experts on Short descriptions and Spotlights for Presidency countries ■ assistance on various issues (specific cases for the article on digitalisation, financial issues, etc) *ReferNet members and Cedefop experts*
13.15-14.15	**Lunch break**
14.15-14.45	**Session 10. Cedefop resources and tools to support youth at risk and low skilled adults** Irena Psifidou, *Department for learning and employability, Cedefop*
14.45-15.15	**Session 11. Visibility survey 2014-17: Observing trends and sharing practices** Maite Santos, *Department for VET systems and institutions, Cedefop*
15.15-15.30	**Conclusions from the meeting** Sylvie Bousquet, *Refernet coordinator*
15.30-16.00	**Coffee break**
15.30-17.00	**Partnership time: Individual meetings… (continued)** *ReferNet members and Cedefop experts*
17.00	**End of the meeting**