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MEETING OF DIRECTORS-GENERAL FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (DGVT)

4 – 5 OCTOBER 2021

THEME: “VET AND ADULT LEARNING BECOMING MORE AGILE FOR BETTER WORK AND LIFE”

Format: Online event

Duration: 1 day and a half (CET)

CONTEXT

The meeting aims to provide an opportunity to reflect on the state of play of European vocational education and training policies as we are reaching a new decade, with special attention focused on the future agenda for adult learning. We will consider the appropriate steps to enhance and implement the objectives of the Recommendation on VET, which together with the Osnabrück Declaration, supports the creation of a lifelong learning culture with continuous VET and digitalisation at its core. We aim to dive deeper into several aspects to ensure that VET and Adult Learning become more agile for better work and life. In this context, we will have the opportunity to exchange ideas on the reform-related increasing need for continuous learning in transforming societies, discuss ways to enhance efficient and effective investments in people and explore possibilities for additional development of VET and Adult Learning.

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- RESILIENCE, RECOVERY AND STRATEGIC AUTONOMY OF THE EU
- CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE
- A UNION OF THE EUROPEAN WAY OF LIFE, RULE OF LAW AND EQUAL CRITERIA FOR ALL
- A CREDIBLE AND SECURE EUROPEAN UNION, CAPABLE OF ENSURING SECURITY AND STABILITY IN ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD

**DRAFT AGENDA****THEME: “VET AND ADULT LEARNING BECOMING MORE AGILE FOR BETTER WORK AND LIFE”**

Monday, 4th October 2021		
10:00 – 10:30 (CET)	Opening session, video	
	A. Welcome statement	Dr. Simona Kustec, Minister of the Ministry for Education, Science and Sport Janez Cigler Kralj, Minister of the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities Joost Korte, Director General of the European Commission department for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
10:30 – 10:45	B.1 Upskilling and reskilling through VET and Adult Learning system	Damir Orehovec, State Secretary of the Ministry for Education, Science and Sport Q&A by participants
10:45 – 11:15	B.2 Digitalization in VET: transforming work based learning	mag. Janez Damjan, director of the Slovenian Institute for Vocational Education and Training (CPI) Q&A by participants
11:15 – 11:30	Short comfort break	
11:30 – 12:30	C. Preparation for VET implementation plans by countries and monitoring approach	Cedefop and ETF presentation, George Kostakis (CEDEFOP), Maria do Carmo Gomes (ETF) Countries' presentations on the first ideas for the national implementation plans Belgium – Yves Magnan, The Forem – public employment and vocational training service in Wallonia Spain – Eva Lample Marcos, Ministry of Education and Vocational Training



		Followed by a discussion
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break	
13:30 – 13:45	D. Thematic highlight on 4 topics, Implementing the VET Recommendation and the Osnabrück Declaration	Keynote speaker – Borhene Chakroun, UNESCO
13:45 – 15:00	1- VET as an attractive choice: VET at higher EQF levels	<p>Moderator: Catrin Hannken, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OECD study on higher VET. Viktorija Kis, OECD • Short cycle higher vocational education in Slovenia, Alicia Leonor Sauli Miklavčič, Association of Slovene Higher Vocational Colleges • Education for change – better working life relevance in higher VET, Anne-Katrine Hjertaas, Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research <p>Rapporteur: Jan Varchola, DG EMPL/B3, European Commission</p>
	2- Digitalisation in VET/WBL	<p>Moderator: Chiara Riondino, DG EMPL/B3, European Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selfie for WBL, Norbert Schoebel, DG EMPL/B3, European Commission • Augmented reality, virtual reality in VET CoVE project ALLVIEW, Gregorio Cañavate, CETEM • Digitalisation of VET – New approaches to access, training and testing in VET- German examples INVITE and ASCOT, Erik Heß, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany <p>Rapporteur: Eleonora Schmid, Cedefop</p>
	3- Supporting environmental sustainability in VET provision	<p>Moderator: Brigitte Trocmé, Ministry of National Education, Youth and Sport, France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel Astoria as training centre in tourism, mag. Peter Mihelčič



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sitra to provide funding for four circular economy training pilot projects aimed at developing new expertise and competitiveness - Nani Pajunen and Eero Jalava, Sitra • “Green Skills in VET”, run by SGI Europe and the European Federation of Education Employers, Stefan Enica and Daniel Wisniewski (EFEE) <p>Rapporteur: Georgios Zisimos, ETF</p>
	<p>4- Adult Learning as a resilient response to future challenges</p>	<p>Moderator: Zvonka Pangerc Pahernik, ACS</p> <p>The New European Agenda for Adult learning (NEAAL), Ema Perme, Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills for life, Skills for jobs, Antonio Ranieri, CEDEFOP • The ongoing training challenged by the pandemic: some European perspectives from the Italian System, Francesco Lauria CISL and ETUC <p>Rapporteur: Klara Engels-Perenyi, DG EMPL/B2 European Commission</p>

Tuesday, 5th October 2021

10:00 – 10:30	E. Presentation of key results from the parallel sessions	Rapporteurs of the 4 sessions
10:30 – 11:30	F. Update on latest initiatives in VET and AL	European Commission
11:30 – 11:45	Break (videos from schools)	
11:45 – 12:00	G. Presentation by Cedefop and ETF – latest developments	Jürgen Siebel, Director CEDEFOP Cesare Onestini, Director of ETF
12:00 – 12:15	H. Presentation of the upcoming French Presidency	Catherine Vieillard, Ministry of National Education, Youth and Sport, France

12:15 – 12:30	I. Closing statement	Manuela Geleng, Director for Skills, DG Employment, European Commission Presidency
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