EXCELLENCE IN VET - Making the difference

What makes Vocational Education and Training an attractive pathway to success?

21st-24th October 2015, Azia Hotel, Paphos, Cyprus

Wednesday 21st October

15.30 - 18.00 Registration of participants

17.30 - 18.00 Welcome and information session for new members and first time participants: “Introduction to EfVET and the conference”
Mr. Peter Hodgson, President of EfVET and the Steering Committee Members.

18.00 – 19.00 Innovation Camp: “Where would you like to see EfVET in 5 years’ time by 2020”
Mr. Martin Watson, Prospex and Mr. Stefano Tirati, CSCS

19.00 - 20.00 Welcome Reception at Azia Hotel
Meeting old friends and potential partners from all around the world
The Mayor of Paphos Mr. Phedon Phedonos, will honor the reception with his presence.

20.00 Dinner
Azia Hotel – Restaurant
Thursday 22nd October

9.00 - 9.15 Welcome to Paphos and opening of Conference  
Mr. Stylianos Mavromoustakos, Vice-President of EfVET and Director, Intercollege, Cyprus  

Setting the theme  
Mr. Peter Hodgson, President of EfVET

9.15 - 9.30 Welcoming address  
Prof. Costas Kapis, Minister of Education and Culture, Cyprus

9.30 – 10.00 Keynote speakers  
EU VET policy – Progress toward VET reform across Europe - the importance of internationalisation in a global marketplace - the role of national governments and stakeholders  
Mr. João Santos – Acting Head of Unit, Vocational Training, DG-Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Challenges and Opportunities for VET: Where are we now and how do we respond to change?  
Mr. James Calleja, Director, CEDEFOP

10.00 - 11.00 Open Panel Discussion - Moderator – Mr. Martin Watson, Prospex  
An interactive question and answer session - an opportunity to share your thought with the Speakers

11.00 - 11.45 Coffee break

11.45 - 13.15 Workshops: session 1

1. Higher VET and its role in enhancing excellence in VET. Moderator: Mr. Hans Daale, EURASHE
2. The importance of good quality Advice and Guidance - Why do learners make the choices they do? Why is VET cool/ not cool? Who is advising whom? Moderator: Mr. Elias Markadjis, Director of Secondary Vocational Schools, Ministry of Education Cyprus
3. Quality Assurance and its role in VET. Moderator: Ms. Lea Bergsted, Roskilde Technical School
4. Digital skills and excellence - the business case digital skills. How do we communicate that VET also needs new learner profiles in response to this kind of skill. Moderator: Mr. Roni Keren & Mr. Einat Itin, Europe at CISCO Systems & Mr. Jamal Dahneem, National Authority for Qualifications and Quality Assurance for Education and Training
5. Skills updating through workforce development programmes - a
partnership approach. Moderator: Mr. Victor Arias, TIKNIKA
6. The shift toward building on learning outcomes - approaches to learning methodologies - how do we adapt? Moderator: Ms. Kirsi Lounela, Seinäjoen koulutuskuntayhtymä

13.15 - 14.30 Lunch
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16.00 - 16.40 Coffee break
16.40 - 17.45 Mobility and Project Marketplace
Delegates are invited to meet to discuss potential partnerships both for reciprocal transnational mobility and possible partnerships for KA2 strategic partnerships
(note: There will be a ‘Notice Board’ available throughout Conference to post your interests and ideas)

18.30 RECEPTION:
Welcome reception at the City Hall, hosted by the Mayor of Paphos Mr. Phedon Phedonos.
After reception free time to explore Paphos

Friday 23rd October

09.00 - 10.00 Annual General Meeting
10.00 - 10.30 Keynote speaker
A Business perspective: Valuing Vocational Education, especially
Apprenticeships, as a pathway to success
Mr. Stephen Rooney, Confederation of British Industry, UK

10.30 - 11.20  Panel debate:  Moderator – Mr. Martin Watson, Prospex

What makes VET so attractive as a pathway to success?

A panel discussion hearing the views of stakeholders: What makes the difference? How should we promote and work to meet future challenges? How do we promote Apprenticeships or apprentice-type provision as a real alternative to traditional pathways? What barriers need to be overcome and how do we achieve parity of esteem.

An interactive forum for sharing perspectives

11.20 - 12.00  Coffee break and time for preparation of Roundtables session 1

12.00 - 13.00  Round table: Session 1

Conference offers European project partners the opportunity to disseminate progress, results and products of their Transnational Transfer of Innovation; Development of Innovation and other European initiatives – a key to successful valorization of project outcomes and sustainability.

2 Sessions of 30 minutes each

13.00 - 14.30  Lunch

14.30 - 15.30  Round tables: Session 2

2 Sessions of 30 minutes each

15.30-16.00  Coffee break

16.00 - 17.00  Round tables: Session 3

2 Sessions of 30 minutes each

14.30 - 16.00  PARALLEL SESSION FOR LEADERS AND MANAGERS:
The Joint Vet provider networks (badged as VET4EU2) of EfVET, EVTA, EVBB and EUproVET alongside EURASHE and EUCEN both VET Stakeholders have a privileged position in advising and working with the European Commission on policy implementation - making the case for VET. This session is an opportunity for you as leaders within our membership to air you voice on issues, challenges and impact of European reform energies. It is an excellent opportunity to hear from the grass roots. This session will be devoted to you and take the form of a panel Q&A session your contribution is greatly valued and will go forward as part of our efforts to support improvements in VET European wide.

20.00  Gala Dinner & Dance
Saturday 24th October

10.15 - 10.45  
Keynote speaker:
Advice and guidance - a vital approach to career opportunities in a changing world
Mr. Raimo Vuorinen, Finnish Institute for Educational Research University of Jyväskylä

Questions from the floor

10.45 - 11.20  
Workshop feedback and open forum
Moderator Mr. Martin Watson
Rapporteurs will be invited to feedback key outcomes from the Workshop sessions followed by an interactive Q&A session

11.20 - 11.50  
Conference conclusions
Mr. Kim von Bülow, CPH West, Denmark

11.50 - 12.05  
Announcement of 25th EfVET Annual International Conference in 2016

12.05 - 12.35  
Closing of the conference
Mr. Peter Hodgson, President of EfVET
Mr. Martin Watson – Prospex

12.35 - 14.30  
Lunch at the Azia Hotel followed by Excursion
Visit the archeological side, mosaic, for one hour, departure at 4.00 pm to visit the winery for wine taste and snacks. Return bank at the hotel by 20.00 pm for dinner.

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