



Eleventh Plenary Annual Meeting of ReferNet

Cedefop's European Network for VET

5-6 November 2013, Thessaloniki, Greece

Agenda

General information

Workshop venue	Makedonia Palace
Participants	ReferNet members, Cedefop colleagues, representatives from DG Education and Culture (EAC), the European Training Foundation (ETF) and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).

Objectives

The eleventh Plenary annual meeting will aim in particular at:

- Contextualising VET policy reporting and improving mutual understanding of requirements, constraints and guidelines for 2014 (policy reporting questionnaire, Spotlights and national news),
- Improving quality of reporting through finalising the peer review exercise initiated and adapting it to the needs and possibilities of partners (VET in Europe country reports),
- Improving quality of financial reporting, and
- welcoming our new members.

Structure and methods of working

Individual sessions will include short general introductions related to the ReferNet work plan and its context, followed by interactive sessions in the form of workshops, learning in partnership, open tables, etc. Plenary discussions will be used to reflect outcomes from group work and present conclusions. The working language will be English.

Induction meeting on 4 November 2013 (for new members)

The plenary meeting will be preceded by an induction meeting focused on the familiarisation of new partners and new national team members with Cedefop experts involved in ReferNet activities and Cedefop projects. Special assistance will be given on an ad hoc basis. This meeting will take place on **Monday 4 November** at **Cedefop** in **Thessaloniki**.

Tuesday, 5 November 2013 (Makedonia Palace Hotel)

8:45 – 9:15	Registration of participants
9:15 – 9:30 <i>Alexandros I</i>	Welcome and opening of the meeting <i>Ms Sylvie Bousquet, ReferNet coordinator</i>
9:30 – 9:45 <i>Alexandros I</i>	Introduction <i>Mr Joachim James Calleja, Director of Cedefop</i>
9:45 – 10:30 <i>Alexandros I</i>	Session 1. EU VET policy context - EU VET cooperation – Headline issues <i>Ms Alison Crabb, Deputy Head of Unit 'Vocational training and adult learning', DG Education and Culture, European Commission</i> - Preparing the 2014 Bruges review <i>Ms Eleonora Schmid and Mr Jasper Van Loo, VET policies and systems (VPS) team coordinators</i>
10:30 – 12:45 <i>Alexandros I and II</i> Short coffee break (11:05 – 11:20)	Session 2. VET in Europe – country reports Focus on quality - General introduction (10.30 – 10.45) <i>Ms Fernanda Ferreira and Ms Kersti Raudsepp, VPS team experts</i> - Finalisation of the peer review (10.45 – 11.05) <i>Pairs of ReferNet partners</i> - Short break for coffee on the move (11.05 – 11.20) - Best practices / How to shape the peer review for 2014 (11.20 – 12.00) <i>'Round tables'</i> - Key messages and discussion (12.00 – 12.45) <i>'Round table' rapporteurs</i> <i>[Coffee available throughout Session 2 in the Foyer]</i>
12:45 – 13:00 <i>Alexandros I</i>	Introduction to Session 10 (Creating and reflecting...) <i>Sylvie Bousquet</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch

14:00 – 14:10 <i>Alexandros I</i>	Session 3. Policy developments in candidate countries <i>Mr Shawn Mendes, Senior Human Capital Development Specialist Country Manager Serbia, European Training Foundation (ETF)</i>	
14:10 – 14:20 <i>Alexandros I</i>	Session 4. Information on the Eurydice 2014 Work programme <i>Mr Lars Jakobsen, Head of Unit ‘Lifelong Learning: Eurydice and policy support’, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)</i>	
Each group will attend both workshops	Session 5. Two parallel workshops	
14:20 – 15:15 15:20 – 16:15 [Coffee available in the Foyer from 15:00 to 16:30]	Reporting on VET – drafting national news <i>Ms Eleonore Schmid and Ms Rozalia Voudouri, journalist at Cedefop (Amphitriton)</i>	Financial issues – preparing the FIR <i>Ms Hélène Hamers, ReferNet team (Alexandros I)</i>
15:00 – 16:15 <i>Alexandros II</i>	Open space for individual support (on demand)	
16:15 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:30 – 17:00 <i>Alexandros I</i>	Session 6. N-VET – monitoring national VET policy Main objective of N-VET <i>Mr Marc Willem, Head of Library and Documentation</i> N-VET: methodology and demo of online gateway <i>Ms Bettina Brenner, documentalist</i>	
17:00 – 17:20 <i>Alexandros I</i>	Preparation of Session 10 (Creating and reflecting...) <i>ReferNet members</i>	
17:20	End of first-day meeting	
19:30	Dinner	

Wednesday, 6 November 2013 (*Makedonia Palace Hotel*)

9:00 – 9:30 <i>Alexandros I</i>	Session 7 VET in Europe – Spotlight <i>Ms Kersti Raudsepp, VPS team expert</i>
9:30 – 10:40 <i>A: Alexandros I</i> <i>B: Alexandros II</i> <i>C: Amfitrion</i>	Session 8. Three parallel workshops on the Policy reporting questionnaire <i>VPS team experts</i>
10:40 – 11:25 <i>Alexandros I</i>	Session 9. Article on Early leavers from VET <i>Ms Eleonora Schmid</i>
11:25 – 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45 – 13:10 <i>Alexandros I and II</i> <i>Amfitrion</i>	Session 10. Creating and reflecting on... • Peer review • Efforts towards quality • Networking, an added value? • Cooperate with Cedefop and peers in a network • <i>ReferNet members</i> 11.45 – 12.30: Creating a visual support 12.30 – 13.00: Reflecting and debating <i>[Coffee available throughout Session 10 in the Foyer]</i>
13:10 – 13:20 <i>Alexandros I</i>	Announcements to the network / closure of the meeting <i>Ms Sylvie Bousquet</i>
13:20	<i>Lunch</i>