

# 19th ReferNet annual plenary meeting

17 to 19 November 2021  
Virtual event

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## Programme

### DAY 1 — 17 NOVEMBER 2021 (indicated times are CET)

#### 9:30-10:00

Participant log-in, technical check

#### 10:00-10:15

Welcome and opening of the 19th ReferNet plenary meeting (*plenary*)

Jürgen Siebel, *Cedefop Executive Director*

Chair: Loukas Zahilas, *Head of department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop*

#### 10:15-11:00

SESSION 1.  
International dimension of VET (*plenary*)

Borhene Chakroun, *Director, Division for policies and lifelong learning systems, Education sector, UNESCO*

Georgios Zisimos, *Head of policy advice and EU programming unit, European Training Foundation (ETF)*

#### 11:00-11:30

SESSION 2.  
Latest EU VET policy developments (*plenary*)

Chiara Riondino, *Head of Unit – Vocational education and training, Directorate B: Skills and jobs, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission*

Jan Varchola, *Team leader, Directorate B: Skills and jobs, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission*

..... **30-minute break** .....

#### 12:00-12:30

SESSION 3.  
New information channels in Cedefop (*plenary*)

Gerd Oskar Bausewein, *Head of department for communication, Cedefop*

Nancy Toussaint, *Web content management coordinator, Department for communication, Cedefop*

#### 12:30-13:00

SESSION 4.  
Microcredentials for labour market education and training –  
Deliverable 3b (2021) (*plenary*)

Anastasia Pouliou, *Expert, Department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop*

Jens Bjørnåvold, *Expert, Department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop*

#### 13:00-13:20

SESSION 5.  
Conclusions from meeting day 1 – Announcements (*plenary*)

Sylvie Bousquet, *ReferNet coordinator, Department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop*

#### 13:20-14:00

SESSION 6.  
On-demand meetings, networking opportunities  
(*four open break-out rooms*)

..... **End of day 1** .....

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### DAY 2 — 18 NOVEMBER 2021 (indicated times are CET)

#### 9:30-10:00

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#### 10:00-11:20

##### SESSION 8.

Partners' thematic session – Teachers and trainers in a changing world – Preliminary findings (*plenary*)

- 10:00-10:10:** Introduction – Added value of articles delivered within the 2021 work plan (Deliverable 3a)  
Rena Psifidou, *Expert, Department for VET and skills, Cedefop*
- 10:10-10:30:** Process followed and preliminary findings  
Ralph Hippe, *Expert, Cedefop* and  
Anthie Kyriakopoulou, *Assistant, Department for VET and skills, Cedefop*
- 10:30-11:20:** Presentations by ReferNet partners

Chair: Sylvie Bousquet, *ReferNet coordinator*

#### 20-minute break

#### 11:40-13:00

##### SESSION 9.

Partners' thematic session – VET for green and digital transitions (*plenary*)

- 11:40-12:10:** Skills for the green transition: implications from the European Green Deal  
Stelina Chatzichristou, *Expert, Department for VET and skills, Cedefop*
- 12:10-13:00:** Presentations by ReferNet partners

Chair: Sylvie Bousquet, *ReferNet coordinator*

#### 13:00-13:30

##### SESSION 10.

Work plan 2022 – Deliverable 3a – Monitoring early leaving from VET: the effects of Covid-19 (*plenary*)

Rena Psifidou and Daniel Scheuregger, *Experts, Department for VET and skills, Cedefop*

#### 13:30-13:40

##### SESSION 11.

Conclusions from meeting day 2 (*plenary*)

Sylvie Bousquet, *ReferNet coordinator*

#### 13:40-14:00

##### SESSION 12.

On-demand meetings, networking opportunities  
(four open break-out groups)

#### End of day 2

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### DAY 3 — 19 NOVEMBER 2021

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#### 9:30-10:00

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#### 10:00-10:30

##### SESSION 13.

VET policy reporting 2022 – Focus and timing (Deliverable 1a) (*plenary*)

Irina Jemeljanova, *Expert, Department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop*

#### 10:30-11:30

##### SESSION 14.

Integrated approach to monitoring the implementation of VET  
Recommendation and Osnabrück Declaration (*plenary*)

George Kostakis, *Coordinator VET policies and systems, Department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop*

Followed by discussion

... **30-minute break for networking (four open break-out rooms)** ...

#### 12:00-12:45

##### SESSION 15.

Framework partnership agreement 2020-23 – Mid-term stock-taking –  
Looking ahead

Sylvie Bousquet, *ReferNet coordinator, Cedefop*

Chair: Loukas Zahilas, *Head of department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop*

#### 12:45-13:00

##### SESSION 16.

General conclusions by partners and Cedefop (*plenary*)

ReferNet partners

Sylvie Bousquet, *ReferNet coordinator, Cedefop*

Loukas Zahilas, *Head of department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop*

... **Virtual friendship drink** ...

... **End of the meeting – See you soon!** ...

## MEETING OBJECTIVES

The 19th ReferNet annual plenary meeting will be held virtually from 17 to 19 November 2021. It aims to:

- bring together national representatives for ReferNet, ReferNet partners, Cedefop experts involved in ReferNet activities, as well as representatives of UNESCO, the European Commission and the European Training Foundation (ETF);
- inform ReferNet partners and national representatives of the latest EU VET policy developments and of selected Cedefop projects;
- review the 2021 ReferNet deliverables, focusing on microcredentials and teachers' and trainers' professional development;
- prepare the work plan for 2022 and beyond, working towards an integrated approach to monitoring the implementation of the VET Recommendation and Osnabrück Declaration;
- provide opportunities for informal meetings to promote the network's spirit of cooperation and partnership, help newcomers become acquainted with existing partners and Cedefop experts, and familiarise themselves with the network's operation.