



**A bridge to the future:  
European vocational education and training policy (2002-10)**

**Conference**

**Brussels, 17 March 2011**

Draft agenda

Thursday, 17 March 2011	
09.00-09.30	<i>Registration</i>
09.30-10.40	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p>Tarja Riihimäki, Chair, Governing Board of Cedefop</p>
	<p><b>Welcome speech</b></p> <p>Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth ( t.b.c.)</p>
	<p><b>Key note speeches</b></p> <p>Sándor Czomba, State Secretary, Ministry for National Economy, Hungary</p> <p>Pervenche Berès, Chair of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee, European Parliament</p>
10.40-10.50	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Steve Bainbridge, Cedefop</p> <p>Cedefop's policy report "A bridge to the future"</p>
10.50 - 11.10	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>
11.10 -13.00	<p><b>Session 1 - Round table discussion: European policy cooperation in vocational education and training: expected benefits</b></p> <p>Chair: Christian Lettmayr, Acting Director, Cedefop</p> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffan Nilsson, President, European Economic and Social Committee</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helene Clark, Director, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission</li> <li>• Madlen Serban, Director, European Training Foundation</li> <li>• Carina Lindén, Ministry of Education and Research, Sweden</li> <li>• Helena Strigard, Advisor, Social Affairs, BusinessEurope</li> <li>• Jeff Bridgford, Special Advisor, Non-Executive Director, European Trade Union Institute</li> <li>• Paul Hofheinz, President, The Lisbon Council</li> </ul>
13.00-14.30	<i>Lunch</i>

14.30-16.00	<p><b>Session 2 - Round table discussion: A more attractive and relevant vocational education and training: What matters?</b></p> <p>Chair: Pascaline Descy, Head of Area, Cedefop</p> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Xavier Prats Monnè, Deputy General Director, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jean-François Lebrun, Acting Director DG EMPL-C, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission</li> <li>• Micheline Scheys, Secretary General, Department of Education and Training, Flemish Ministry of Education and Training, Belgium</li> <li>• Andrea Benassi, Secretary General, The European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME)</li> <li>• Jan Muehlfeit, Chairman, Microsoft Europe</li> <li>• Sampo Suihko, President, EUproVET</li> <li>• Aviana Bulgarelli, Director General, ISFOL</li> </ul>
16.00-16.15	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <p>Christian Lettmayr, Acting Director, Cedefop</p>
16.15	<p><b>Closing speech</b></p> <p>László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</p>