



## Skills anticipation and matching: common and complementary research strategies

International seminar

**14-15 November 2011, Athens**

### Seminar objectives

The seminar will focus on exchanging experience and exploring avenues for cooperation and synergies between key international and national organisations to develop common and complementary research strategies/plans/actions for skills anticipation and matching.

### Seminar structure and methods of working

To promote active participation and exchange of ideas, the seminar will be organised in the form of short panel presentations followed by open discussions. The number of participants is limited to allow for lively discussions.

| Monday, 14 November 2011 |  |
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| 12:30-13:00              | Arrival and registration of participants (light lunch served)  |
| 13:00-15:00              | <b>Opening of the seminar (and moderation)</b><br><i>Christian F. Lettmayr, Acting Director, Cedefop</i><br><b>Rethinking skills in Europe</b><br><i>Pierre Mairesse, DG Education and Culture, European Commission</i><br><b>Skills and the future of work</b><br><i>Mark Keese, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD</i><br>Open discussion on importance of skill needs anticipation |
| 15:00-15:30              | <i>Tea/Coffee break</i>  |
| 15:30-17:30              | <b>Linking skills analysis to education and training provision</b><br><i>Introduction by Pascaline Descy, Area Research and Policy Analysis, Cedefop</i><br><i>Sharing experience by:</i> <i>Shyamal Majumdar, UNESCO-UNEVOC</i><br><i>Thomas Karmel, NCVER, Australia</i><br><i>Patrice de Broucker, Statistics Canada, Canada</i><br>Discussion  |
| 19:30                    | <i>Dinner in the hotel's roof garden restaurant</i>  |

**Tuesday, 15 November 2011**

**9:00-11:00      Linking employment changes to skill needs**  
*Introduction by Robert Strauss, DG Employment, European Commission*  
*Sharing experience by:      Dixie Sommers, U.S. Bureau of Labour Statistics, USA*  
*Patrizio Piraino, University of Cape Town, South Africa*  
*Jasper van Loo, Area Research and Policy Analysis, Cedefop*  
 Discussion

**11:00-11:30      Tea/Coffee break**

**11:30-13:30      Future research strategies on skills: potential cooperation**  
*Introduction by Alena Zukersteinova, Area Research and Policy Analysis, Cedefop*  
*Maria Laura Sanchez Puerta, Social Protection and Labor Dept, World Bank*  
*Mark Keese, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD*  
*Olga Strietska-Ilina, Skills and Employability Department, ILO*  
*Manuel Hubert, DG Employment, European Commission*  
*Borhene Chakroun, TVET Section, UNESCO*  
 Discussion

**13:30-14:00      Concluding remarks by Christian F. Lettmayr**

**14:00              End of seminar (light lunch served)**