



## EXCELLENCE IN VET - Making the difference

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

*21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> - October 2015, Azia Hotel, Paphos, Cyprus*

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### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

15.30 - 18.00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
17.30 - 18.00	<b>Welcome and information session for new members and first time participants: - "Introduction to EfVET and the conference"</b> <b>Mr. Peter Hodgson</b> , President of EfVET and the Steering Committee Members.
18.00 – 19.00	<b>Innovation Camp: "Where would you like to see EfVET in 5 years' time by 2020"</b> <b>Mr. Martin Watson</b> , Prospex and <b>Mr. Stefano Tirati</b> , CSCS
19.00 - 20.00	<b>Welcome Reception at Azia Hotel</b> Meeting old friends and potential partners from all around the world <b>The Mayor of Paphos Mr. Phedon Phedonos</b> , will honor the reception with his presence.
20.00	<b>Dinner</b> <b>Azia Hotel – Restaurant</b>

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Kadis** 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**

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13.15 - 14.30

Lunch

14.30 - 16.00

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> October

09.00 - 10.00

**Annual General Meeting**

10.00 - 10.30

**Keynote speaker**

**A Business perspective: Valuing Vocational Education, especially**

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### **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 EUpVET 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 your 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**

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### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 site, mosaic, for one hour, departure at 4.00 pm to visit the winery for wine taste and snacks. Return back at the hotel by 20.00 pm for dinner.**

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