



First Forum of the European ECVET Network

24 and 25 June 2010

NEGOCIA - 8, avenue de la porte de Champerret, 75017 Paris

Brief description of the forum

The first forum of the European ECVET network will take place in Paris on 24 and 25 June 2010. Following the official launch of the European cooperation arrangement for the implementation of ECVET, due to take place at the user group meeting in Brussels on 27 and 28 May, the forum will be the first major event dedicated to this cooperation and the first discussion and reflection activity within the European network.

The objectives of the forum are to establish the European network in the role it will play in the implementation of the ECVET Recommendation according to the Recommendation, to illustrate the wide range of possible initiatives, to show the diversity of the actors involved in the ECVET adoption, application and usage processes, and to demonstrate the interest of European cooperation and coordination for effective implementation.

Participants will have the opportunity to play an active role throughout the forum at question and answer sessions and at the four workshops. The many illustrations provided by the initiatives and experiments carried out by national authorities, sectors, training providers, etc. will help to approach the network's activities in a practical and operational manner in order to promote discussion and initiate a shared culture.



Programme

Thursday 24 June 2010 - afternoon

2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. OPENING OF THE FORUM

- ✦ **Welcome and opening of the forum by the host country**
- Mr Jean-Michel Blanquer (to be confirmed)
*Managing Director of the Direction Générale de l'Enseignement Scolaire (D.G.E.S.C.O.)
French Ministry of National Education - FR*
- ✦ **The role of the European ECVET network in European initiatives focusing on lifelong learning.**
- Mrs Hélène Clark
*European Commission, DG Education and Culture,
Director, Lifelong Learning: Policies and Programme*
- ✦ **ECVET: from Recommendation to implementation**
- Mr Marc Van Riet
*Directeur général adjoint de l'Enseignement obligatoire
Ministère de l'Enseignement et de la promotion sociale de la Communauté française de Belgique- BE*

2.30 p.m.-6.15 p.m. PLENARY SESSIONS

2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. THE EUROPEAN ECVET NETWORK

Chairing the session: European Commission

- ✦ **2.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.: Implementing ECVET: the need to operate as a network**
- Mr Joao Delgado,
*European Commission, DG Education and Culture
Head of unit Professional training; Leonardo de Vinci*
- ✦ **2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: ECVET supporting Team: promoting the European ECVET network**
 - Organisation of ECVET supporting Team
 - Services available to members of the European ECVET network
 - Website
 - Programme of work
- Mrs Annick Fortin, Mr Didier Gélibert and Mr Richard Maniak
ECVET supporting Team Executive Board

Break (3.30 p.m.-4 p.m.)



4.00 p.m.–5.00 p.m. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECVET RECOMMENDATION: INPUT FROM PERSONS INVOLVED

Chairing the session: ECVET supporting Team

- **Experimenting with ECVET: the experience of the skilled craft organisations**
 - Mr Christian Sperle - *Zentralverband des Deutschenhandwerks- ZDH – DE*
- **Implementing ECVET in a national context: the Finnish experience**
 - Mrs Hanna Autere – *Finnish National Board of Education - FI*
- **Exploiting the results of ECVET pilot projects to implement the Recommendation: the French approach**
 - Mr Jean-Marc Huart - Deputy director of vocational trainings - French Ministry of National Education.
- **Opportunities created by the implementation of ECVET for a European network of training providers: the example of AEFP/EVTA**
 - Mr Tommaso Grimaldi – *AEFP / EVTA*

Provisional conclusions and initial observations on the initiatives taken in Member States to implement the ECVET recommendation

- Mrs Isabelle Le Mouillour - *CEDEFOP*

5.00 p.m.–5.30 p.m. QUESTIONS/ANSWERS WITH PARTICIPANTS

5.30 p.m.–6.15 p.m. ECVET FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING SYSTEMS FOR CITIZENS

- **Presentation of the workshops of 25 June (Themes – operating principles, procedure)**
 - Mrs Annick Fortin, Mr Didier Gélibert and Mr Richard Maniak
ECVET supporting Team Executive Board
- **Introduction to the workshop themes by 4 key witnesses**
 - Mrs Madlen Serban
Former Director General of Vocational Education and Training and member of Advisory Committee on Vocational Education and Training for Romania, currently Director of the European Training Foundation
 - Mr Alfredo Soeiro
Professor - Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto – PT (to be confirmed)
 - Mr Peter Thiele
Head of Unit - German Federal Ministry of Education and Research – DE
 - Mr Alan Nolan
Director General of the Society of Irish Motor Industry - IE



Day of Friday 25 June 2010

9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. "ECVET TO" WORKSHOPS (all workshops can be delivered twice)

9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. 1st session

- ± **ECVET to build professional qualifications and ensure their transparency (EN-FR-DE)**
 - Moderator: Mr Pasqualino Mare - *KC Handel Netherlands - NL*
- ± **ECVET to open vocational education and training systems and make them permeable and open to mobility (EN)**
 - Moderator: Mrs Alexandra Costa Artur – *ANTRAM Portugal - PT*
- ± **ECVET to promote the development of individual training and qualification pathways for lifelong learning (EN)**
 - Moderator: Mrs Sabine Tritcher-Archan - *IBW Austria - AT*
- ± **ECVET by and for all actors in vocational education and training (EN)**
 - Moderator: Mrs Gabriela Ciobanu - *Romanian Ministry of Education - RO*

Break (10.30 a.m.–11.00 a.m.)

11.00 a.m.–12.30 p.m. 2nd session

- ± **ECVET to build professional qualifications and ensure their transparency (EN)**
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Lunch (12.30 p.m.-2.00 p.m.)



2.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. RESULTS OF THE WORKSHOPS AND ROUND TABLE
Chairing the session: ECVET supporting Team

2.00 p.m.-2.15 p.m.

± Summary results of the workshops

- Mrs Daniela Ullicna - *GHK*

2.15 p.m.-3.00 p.m. Round table

± Round table of key witnesses:

Chair: Mr Pierre-Valéry Archassal – Journalist

- Mrs Madlen Serban – *ETF*
From the design of the ECVET system to its implementation, what changes have occurred?
- Mr Alfredo Soeiro - *EUCEN*
Implementation strategies for ECTS and ECVET: convergence and mutual assistance
- Mr Peter Thiele - *German Federal Ministry of Education and Research - DE*
Experimentation in a national implementation strategy for ECVET
- Mr Alan Nolan – *SIMI - IE*
ECVET, what value does it bring to business?

3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. DEBATES AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE FORUM

Chairing the session: European Commission

± Debate with participants on the network's needs and initiatives to be taken to promote its development

- Mr Michel Aribaud and Mr Erik Hess
European Commission, DG Education and Culture
Unit Vocational training; Leonardo da Vinci
- Mrs Annick Fortin, Mr Didier Gélibert and Mr Richard Maniak
ECVET supporting Team Executive Board

± Conclusion of the forum and next meetings

- Mrs Annick Fortin, Mr Didier Gélibert and Mr Richard Maniak
ECVET supporting Team Executive Board
- Mr Risto Raivio,
European Commission, DG Education and Culture,
Head of sector – vocational training policy