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**Education and Training 2020
Working Group on Adult Learning**

**Seminar
Brussels 23 - 24 November 2014**

**“Achieving coherent adult learning policy – how does it
impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of adult
learning policies?”**

• ***Background***

The primary focus for the ET 2020 Working Group on Adult Learning, expressed in its mandate, is to benefit the Member States' policy development on adult learning, through mutual learning and the identification of good practices. In-depth country workshops and seminars are organised to examine specific approaches to policy development and implementation by several countries, with the aim of identifying key factors for policy success.

The seminar in Brussels, organised in connection with the Working Group meeting, corresponds to the Group's 'policy challenge 2': to "improve coherence of policies and strategies on adult skills". The seminar's policy conclusions will contribute to the Group's output 2: a guidance framework for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of Adult Learning Policies to better achieve policy aims.

• ***About the seminar***

The seminar will combine presentations and discussions in plenary with small group sessions. Four country policies will be presented in-depth, and all participating countries will be expected to actively participate in discussions and sharing their countries' experience.

• ***Documents to be read before the workshop***

[Study on Analysis of Adult Learning Policies and their Effectiveness in Europe – 2nd Consultation Document \(ICF 16 October 2014\)](#) (link also on Yammer).

• ***Country presentation***

Four countries will present their policy examples, building on the matrix presented during the Working Group meeting in September, which shows how approaches to ensuring policy coherence can be mapped on continuums representing a range of different criteria such as the

level of centralisation, top-down or bottom-up approach, focus on a wider or more specific challenge, the level of stakeholder involvement etc..

• ***Analysis and knowledge construction***

There will be time to share and analyse key lessons learned, identify further issues to be investigated and close in on the big question “Achieving coherent adult learning policy – how does it impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of adult learning policies?”

At the end of the seminar, participants will be better equipped to analyse of their countries’ own policies as a basis for lessons to take home.

• ***Practicalities***

The workshop starts on Sunday 23 November 19.00 in Hotel Bloom, Rue Royale 250, Bruxelles. We will be welcomed by our hosts from the Dutch and the French-speaking communities of Belgium, with a drink and a snack, get the chance to find out more about our expectations for the workshop and get introduced to each other.

The workshop venue Monday 24 November is Ministère de la Communauté française, Boulevard Léopold II, Bruxelles.

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Programme overview

• **Sunday, November 23**

Hotel Bloom, Brussels

	Arrivals	
19.00	Welcome Introduction Participants' expectations	
20.30	(Rest of evening free) [Meeting of the preparatory group]	

• **Monday November 24th**

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9.15	Official Welcomes: Practical Information:	Plenary
9.30	Brief introduction - ET 2020 - Peer learning / Peer review in ET 2020 (Paul Holdsworth, European Commission)	Plenary
9.50	Introduction to the topic: TBC	Plenary Groups
10.30	Policy Case 1 (Belgium NL)	
10.50	Questions for clarification	Plenary
11.00	Policy case 2 (Belgium FR)	
11.20	Questions for clarification	Plenary
11.30	First session of group discussion (including coffee)	Groups
12.30	Follow-up of first group session	
13.00	Lunch	
14.00	Policy Case 3(NL)	Plenary
14.20	Questions for clarification	Plenary
14.30	Policy Case 4 (PT) TBC	
14.50	Questions for clarification	Plenary
15.00	Second session of group discussion (including coffee)	
16.00	Follow-up of second group session	
16.30	Reflections on the Day Preparation for tomorrow Feedback to WG	Plenary
18.00	Close of seminar	

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