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**Subject: Registration for thematic working groups set up under the "Strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET 2020)"**

Dear colleagues,

the thematic working groups set up under ET 2020 have now been working for a while and I would like to invite you today to register for the thematic working groups starting work in 2011 and/or to join/withdraw from existing groups.

Five thematic working groups are new and plan to start work in 2011: Entrepreneurship Education, ICT and Education, Professional development of VET Trainers, Quality Assurance in Adult Learning and Financing Adult Learning. The Commission plans to set up two further groups following the adoption of Council conclusions on Early School Leaving and Early Childhood Education and Care in May of this year. You will be invited for these groups separately.

Concerning the existing groups, you are free to reconsider your priorities and sign up for some of the working groups which have already started their work or withdraw if you would rather use your resources in another group. For the continuing groups please note that some do not accept further registrations.

The work of the thematic working groups will extend over different time periods (according to their mandates). Please see annex 1 for an overview of the groups, their respective mandates, planned outputs and the expertise required.

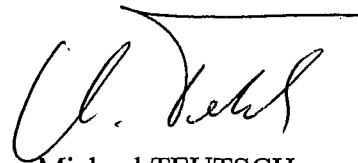
Although you may register for as many groups as you wish in accordance with your national priorities, you should only register for those groups in which your representatives are prepared to participate actively. This means participating in and contributing to meetings and peer learning activities, where relevant organising peer-learning activities, and taking responsibility for the dissemination of results to a broader group of national policy makers and stakeholders. You are invited to appoint the most relevant expert you have (civil servant/policy maker, academic expert or key stakeholder) provided that person is involved in or linked to national policy making. If this person is not an employee of your ministry you will need to specify if he or she is participating as your representative or in his or her personal capacity only. Participants not participating actively will be removed from the mailing list after a period of time.

I would be grateful if you could respect the guidelines provided, in the table providing an overview of the thematic working groups (annex 1), for which kind of policy expertise is needed for the individual groups. The OMC groups will begin their work at different times during 2011 and the registered participants will be contacted directly. Please note that no interpretation will be available for meetings related to the thematic working groups.

We would need to receive your registration form, including all contact information for the participants appointed, by **12 May 2011**. Please send the registration form to: [pernille.andersen1@ec.europa.eu](mailto:pernille.andersen1@ec.europa.eu) and [gilberte.beylemans@ec.europa.eu](mailto:gilberte.beylemans@ec.europa.eu).

If you have any queries about this procedure, please don't hesitate to contact Pernille Skou Andersen on Tel. +32-2295-1595.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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Enclosed:

Annex 1 : Description Thematic Working Groups 2011

Annex 2 : Registration form for thematic working groups starting work in 2011