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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COPENHAGEN PROCESS WORKING GROUP

16 MARCH 2011

Mandate

The participants agreed on the mandate for this working group (enclosure). The mandate will be presented to the DGVT for validation.

Reporting and monitoring

The discussion on the monitoring and reporting of the Copenhagen process took place based on:

- a presentation concerning the articulation between the reportings of the Bruges Communiqué and the ET 2020 and Europe 2020 processes (enclosure)
- lists of short term deliverables (enclosures)
- a reflection note (enclosure)

Outcomes of the debate:

- The monitoring of the ET 2020 and Europe 2020 will not give sufficiently information on VET to allow for an appropriate follow-up of the Bruges short term deliverables, which means that it was necessary to organise monitoring and reporting in the framework of the Copenhagen process.
- The Cedefop / ETF policy report will remain the main comprehensive report on progress at European level. It will contain an analysis of the progress made in the field of the short-term deliverables.
- The data collection for the 2014 policy report should take place in 2013 so as to allow a publication of the Policy Report in mid 2014 to feed in the next review of the short term priorities as well as to the 2014 reporting on ET 2020.

- As the next report under the Copenhagen process will be published only after 4 years, participants agreed that there was a need for monitoring the implementation of the short term deliverables on a more continuous basis. For this purpose, two tools were identified: monitoring based on themes and a continuous overall monitoring.
- As for the thematic approach, it was decided to select a thematic focus for each semester (EU Presidency). A thematic calendar will form a "roadmap" for the monitoring and supporting the implementation of the deliverables.
- It was agreed that the thematic approach should preferably cover all short-term deliverables. For monitoring of deliverables which have a horizontal nature (skills, EQF, etc), reporting systems foreseen for those themes or instruments will be used. Groups or persons dealing with a specific theme or instrument can be invited to report on the progress as appropriate (eg. at the DGVT / ACVT meetings).
- In order to monitor the progress in implementation, the current situation would need to be clear. As part of this objective, it was decided to make a light survey to see what is being done at national level to implement the Bruges deliverables. The results will be presented and discussed at the DGVT meeting in Budapest.
- Concerning the continuous overall monitoring Cedefop informed that it is reflecting on a scoreboard, which would to high extent cover the short-term deliverables, with multiple data and some qualitative analysis. This will partly cater for the need to have more detailed information on progress made at country level (e.g. for the purposes of monitoring the Europe 2020 strategy).
- It was agreed to keep the political momentum in the middle of the first reporting cycle (during the second half of 2012) in the form of an informal ministerial meeting.
- The potential of Refernet to support the thematic monitoring was discussed. Cedefop explained that the diversity of Refernet arrangements in Member States is to be taken into account. It was underlined that the new needs shall be reflected in the future call for proposals which Cedefop is preparing for the new network, to be operational from 2012 onwards. The role of Refernet will be discussed further at the Cedefop governing board.
- In order to have a distinct role for the DGVT and the ACVT meetings, it was proposed to tackle at the ACVT meetings primarily topics which are of importance for social partners. They could be invited to make presentations of good practices under a given theme.

Next steps

The mandate and a revised version of the reflection document will be presented to the forthcoming DGVT for validation and to the forthcoming ACVT notably in view of discussing the role of the ACVT in this context.

The next meeting of this working group will be held on 13 July.