

Overview of EU-level events during the European Vocational Skills Week

(Some events will be web-streamed)

Time	Activity
5 December	<p>Opening event</p> <p>European Vocational Skills Week opening event with Commissioner Marianne Thyssen and in cooperation with the Flemish authorities; in Antwerp.</p>
6 & 7 December	<p>Adult Skills Conference</p> <p>Focus on adult skills and in particular on measures to help low-skilled adults improve their literacy, numeracy and digital skills; at the Crowne Plaza Brussels.</p> <p>Parallel sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance • Flexibility and access • Supply and take up • Quality • Country working teams • Working session for European stakeholders <p>Practical workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills assessment, validation and recognition • Tailored offer of education and training • Enablers: coordination, partnership, outreach and guidance • Costs and financing • Evidence based policy and monitoring
7 December	<p>EQAVET Forum</p> <p>Management Centre Europe, Brussels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostering VET graduate tracking • Improving quality assurance in VET, and in particular in work based learning
8 December	<p>European Business Forum on Vocational Training</p> <p>Responding to the skills needs of the future; at the Crowne Plaza Brussels.</p> <p>Afternoon workshops:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making apprenticeships attractive 2. VET: a pathway to excellence 3. Mobility in VET and apprenticeships 4. Focus on VET Research 5. Sectoral approaches for skills development
9 December	<p>Closing ceremony</p> <p>Highlights of the European Vocational Skills Week; at the Crowne Plaza Brussels.</p> <p>Awards in VET:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EuroSkills 2016 competition winner - includes video from Gothenburg • Cedefop VET Photo Award • ETF Good Practice in Entrepreneurship Award • Innovative VET provider Award • Apprenticeship awards: companies and apprentices

6-9 December

An exhibition of excellent Erasmus+ and ESF projects, as well as the best pictures from the Cedefop VET photo contest will be displayed throughout the week at the venue.