



Malta | 30 - 31 May 2017



High-level event of the European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA)

High-level event organised in close cooperation with the Maltese Presidency
**4 years of the European Alliance for Apprenticeships:
Celebrating success and looking ahead**

AGENDA

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*Malta College of Arts,
Science and Technology (MCAST),
Triq Kordin, Paola*

30 May 2017 – 1st day

Moderator: Tamsin Rose

14:30 Registration and Coffee

15:00 **Welcoming session**

*Dr Silvio De Bono, President Board of Governors, MCAST
Mr Evarist Bartolo, Minister for Education and Employment, Malta*

15:30 **Video message**

Ms Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Labour Mobility and Inclusion

15:35 **From Leipzig to Valletta – 4 years of EAfA: Highlights from stakeholders of the Alliance**

*Ms Frédérique Naulette, Ms Monique Abela, Mr Frederico Milanetti - Nestlé
Mr Jürgen Siebel, Ms Kim Morgan, Mr Agostino Trotta - Siemens
Ms Sarah Foxall - Microsoft
Mr Menno Bart - Adecco
Ms Gertrud Hirtreiter, Ms Céline Windmüller, Mr Torben Jucknat- German Confederation of Skilled Crafts
Ms Maria Todorova, Ministry of Education, Mr Alexander Chobanov, Assarel-Medet JSC - Bulgaria
Ms Jugatx Ortiz, Mr Indalecio Estrada Lozano - EARLALL
Ms Clémence Lemonnier, Ms Georgiana Enculescu - Riga 2015 Apprentices
Mr Joaquim Santos, Mr José Luís Rodrigues Maia - National Federation of Education, Portugal
Mr Martin Schmid - Austrian Federal Economic Chamber*

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 **From commitments to action - developments across Member States**

Mr James Calleja, Director, Cedefop

17:15 **Towards a European Framework on Quality and Effective Apprenticeships**

Contributions from European Social partners
*Mr Robert Plummer, Senior Adviser, BusinessEurope
Ms Liliane Volozinskis, Director, UEAPME
Ms Agnes Roman, Policy Adviser, ETUC*

17:50 **Balancing quality and quantity in apprenticeships**

The perspective of the chambers of commerce and industry
Mr Arnaldo Abruzzini, CEO, EUROCHAMBRES

18:00 Bus transfer to Maltese Chamber

19:00 Welcoming speech by *Mr Frank V. Farrugia, President of the Malta Chamber of Commerce*

Networking and walking dinner

21:00 End of first day



31 May 2017 – 2nd day

Moderator: Tamsin Rose

08:30 Registration and Coffee (MCAST building)

09:00 **EAFA@MALTA – Where do we go from here?**

Interactive session with EAFA representatives on assessing progress and looking ahead

Ms Karin Ruul, Ms Ilze Buligina - Baltic Alliance for Apprenticeship and Work-based learning

Ms Kornelia Haugg - Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany

Ms Cristina Cofacci - Enel

Mr Eckhard Vetter - Heinrich Weber Construction Company

Ms Virpi Spangar - Oulu Vocational College

Mr Claudio Masotti - European Parents Association

Ms Clara Bassols - Fundación Bertelsmann

10:00 **Boosting VET mobility**

Lessons learnt from NETINVET,

Mr Jean-André Lasserre, Vice-President

ErasmusPRO:

Mr Joao Santos, Deputy Head of Unit, DG EMPL

10:15 **Apprenticeships support services: Making it happen!**

Lessons learnt on bench-learning in the context of the European Public Employment Services Network:

Mr Felix Borg, Head of Division Corporate Planning, Jobsplus, Malta

The way forward:

Ms Dana-Carmen Bachmann, Head of Unit, DG EMPL

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Launch of a new European Network of Apprentices**

Introduction by *Ms Zuzana Vaneckova, Board Member, European Youth Forum* and *Lasse Sjobeck, Board Member, OBESSU*

Moderation by *Ms Ela Jakubek, Secretary General, OBESSU*

11:20 **Welcoming newcomers**

Signing of new national commitments and pledges, including short statements from selected stakeholders

12:45 **Closing remarks**

Mr Detlef Eckert, Director for Skills, DG EMPL

Followed by musical performance and light refreshments and sandwiches


Optional Programme:

14:15-18:00 Site visits to companies

Meetings in the margins of the event:

30 May: Meeting of the European Network of Apprentices

31 May: Exchange of views between apprentices and senior Commission and MCAST officials



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