



## **Matching Skills with Needs**

6 November 2019

Sofitel Brussels Europe, 1 Place Jourdan, 1040 Brussels

*09:00 - 09:30 Registration of participants*

**09:30 - 12:30 Session 1: Skills mismatch: policy challenges and related analytical work**

Chair: **Barbara Kauffmann**, Director, DG EMPL, European Commission

**09:30 – 09:40 Opening remarks**, Barbara Kauffmann

**09:40 – 10:10 Keynote speech, Alan Manning**, Professor of Economics, London School of Economics, on technological change and its implications on skills demand.

**10:10 – 11:20 Presentations**

**Marieke Vandeweyer**, Labour Economist, OECD and KU Leuven, on recent OECD work on changing skills needs using the Skills for Jobs database and the impact on VET graduates' labour market outcomes.

**Konstantinos Pouliakas**, Expert in skills and labour markets, CEDEFOP, on the recent CEDEFOP work on skills matching, digitalisation and the future of work; findings from the big data analysis of online vacancies in Europe.

**John Hurley**, Research manager in the Employment unit, Eurofound, on changing tasks in labour market, technological change and the future of work.

*11:20 – 11:40 Coffee break*

**11:40 – 12:40 Panel discussion**

**Patricia Wruuck**, Economist, European Investment Bank, on the role of digitalisation and firm training in adapting skills supply to changing skill needs.

**Ilze Zvidrina**, Chair of the EU Employment Committee, on the challenges facing Member States in the field of skills policies, CSR implementation and the recent contributions of the Employment Committee.

**Johanna Koponen**, Chair of the EU Education Committee, on the role of lifelong learning in addressing the technological and green transition and the recent contributions of the Employment Committee.

**Olga Strietska-Ilina**, Senior Skills and Employability Specialist, ILO (International Labour Organization), on recent ILO work on the challenges related to skills mismatches in low- and medium-income countries.

**Emilio Colombo**, Professor of Economics, Catholic University of Milan, on the use of online vacancy data for skills analysis and skills forecasting.

*12:40 – 14:00 Lunch break*

**14:00 - 16:30 Session 2: Policy responses to skills mismatch**

Chair: **Manuela Geleng**, Director, DG EMPL, European Commission

14:00 – 14:10 **Opening remarks**, Manuela Geleng

14:10 – 14:30 **Keynote speech**, **Ana Cláudia Valente**, Deputy Director, ANQUEP (National Agency for Qualification and Vocational Education and Training), on the Governance of national skills policies and skills strategies - the case of Portugal.

**14:30 – 15:30 Presentations**

**Margrit Zauner**, Head of unit, Labour and VET, SenIAS Berlin (Senate Department for Integration, Labour and Social Affairs, Department of Work and Vocational Education), on skills development in Berlin and in particular digital skills.

**Josine Meurs**, Head of Education unit, City of Rotterdam, on the regional dimension: how are regions and cities preparing for future skills needs? The Bridge Project in Rotterdam.

**Rikardo Lamadrid Intxaurreaga**, Director of Technology and Advanced Learning, Ministry of Education, Basque Government, Spain, on Driving **innovation** through VET excellence.

*15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break*

**15:45 – 16:30 Panel discussion**

**Emma Perme**, Senior adviser at the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport in Slovenia and project coordinator of the Slovenian Skills Strategy focusing, on better governance of adult learning.

**Renee Boelaars**, Director of Innovation & Educational Development of the STC Group in the Netherlands, on skills development in industrial sectors.

**Lutz Walter**, Director, Innovation and Skills, Euratex, The European Apparel and Textile Confederation, on industry-led cooperation on skills.

**Mika Tammilehto**, Director for VET, Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, on the Financing of lifelong skills development by **Finland**.

16:30 – 16:45 **Closing speech** (linking the analysis and policy aspects), **Manuela Geleng**, Director, DG EMPL, European Commission.