Towards a common language for employment and education/training

The ESCO (European Skills, Competencies and Occupations taxonomy)

stakeholders' conference on 17-18 March 2010

Draft agenda

Place: Crown Plaza Hotel, Rue Gineste 3, B-1210 Brussels, Belgium, T: +32 (0)2 203 62 00, F: +32 (0)2 203 55 55 http://www.crowneplazabrussels.be/intro.php
Language: Interpretation from and to EN/FR/DE/IT/ES in plenary, EN in workshop 1, 3
Moderator of the conference: Mark Rogerson, Consilia

17 March 2010
12.00: Arrival of delegates – buffet lunch in Crown Plaza

13.00: Opening of the conference:
Mr Xavier Prats-Monné, Director DG EMPL

13.15: - 14.00: Setting the scene - bridging qualifications and occupations through skills and competences - the relevance of ESCO for employment policies and for education and training policies:
Wallis Goelen, DG EMPL and Gordon Clark DG EAC

14.00 – 15.00: Presentation of ESCO and stakeholders' involvement
What is ESCO and how can it be used? Henric Stjernquist, DG EMPL
ESCO and its link to education and training, Jens Bjornavold, CEDEFOP
Which role and kind of involvement for stakeholders? Lambert Kleinmann, DG EMPL
Questions and answers

15.00 – 15.30: Coffee break
15.30 – 17.30: Three workshops in parallel
All workshops will consist of several presentations, followed by questions and answers.

Workshop 1: How are taxonomies used?
*Practical examples of applications for different types of users*

Workshop 2: What is the content of ESCO?
*ESCO in detail and links to other taxonomies*

Workshop 3: What challenges should ESCO address?

17.30: End of first day of conference

**20.00 Diner in Le Plaza, Brussels**
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**18 March 2010**
9.00 – 9.15: ESCO in the wider context of semantic interoperability within E-Government initiatives

9.15 – 11.15: Three workshops in parallel
All workshops will consist of several presentations, followed by questions and answers. Participants are invited to attend a workshop different from the one they attended the day before.

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11.15 - 11.30: Coffee break

11.30–12.45 Panel discussion: The way forward – how will we work together to develop ESCO?

12.45 – 13.00: Closure and concluding remarks:

13.00: Lunch and departure