



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DG EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES  
DG EDUCATION AND CULTURE

## **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