

# Competitive and Sustainable Vocational Education and Training: Achievements and New Goals

11 May 2015

101, Elizabetes street, Mercure Riga Centre Hotel

Moderator: Ms Aija Tūna

9:30 – 10:00	Registration of participants, Coffee
10:00 – 10:20	<p><b>Opening of the conference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Ilze Brante, Board Member of the Vocational Education Association of Latvia, Director of Ogre Technical School</li> <li>- Mr Henrik Dethlefsen, Secretary General of EUROPEA International</li> <li>- Ms Līga Meņģelšone, Director General of the Employers' Confederation of Latvia</li> </ul>
10:20 – 10:50	<p><b>Keynote presentation</b></p> <p>The priorities of the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the EU and VET goals 2020 – Ms Evija Papule, Acting State Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia.</p>
10:50 – 12:30	<p><b>SESSION I: Success factors for attractive and competitive vocational education and training</b></p> <p><b>Presentations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Making VET more attractive: identifying what matters and progress up to date in Europe – Jasper van Loo, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) expert</li> <li>2. How to ensure better VET to work transition – lessons learnt from “VET to work transition” project – Līna Dzene, Director of Dynamic University Ltd.</li> <li>3. Availability and quality of traineeships in Latvia – survey results – Anita Līce, Adviser on Education and Employment, Employers' Confederation of Latvia</li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion with experts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Henrik Dethlefsen, Secretary General of EUROPEA International</li> <li>- Ms Līvija Marcinkēviča, Deputy Chairperson of the Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia</li> <li>- Ms Kristīne Vāgnere, Director of Ventspils Technical College</li> <li>- Mr Juris Silis, Chairman of the Board of Jelgava Printing House</li> </ul>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Exhibition of the Examples of Good Practices
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>SESSION II: Examples of Good Practice - What has Been Done and What has Worked Well?</b> Examples of VET contribution to Green economy, successful cooperation with employers, organisation of traineeships and work based learning, guidance and counselling.</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:00 – 17:00	<p><b>SESSION III: Common goals for VET 2020 – Conclusions and Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Address by the Minister for Education and Science of Latvia Ms Mārīte Seile</li> <li>- Address by the Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia Mr Armands Krauze</li> <li>- Adoption of the recommendations – Mr Vitālijs Gavrilovs, President of the Employers' Confederation of Latvia</li> <li>- Concluding remark by Mr Henrik Dethlefsen, Secretary General of EUROPEA International</li> </ul>
19:00	<b>Dinner – “Folkklubs ALA”, 19, Peldu Street, Riga</b>