



Introducing the European Skills Index Launch event

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European Economic & Social Committee – Room VMA3
Rue Belliard 99-101, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Background

Since 2013, Cedefop has been working on constructing a **skills index**. Three key dimensions have been considered; namely: a) **skills development**, b) **skills activation**, and c) **skills matching**. These, altogether, capture different aspects of a country's skills system. In particular, **skills development** represents the training and education activities that take place in a country, and their immediate outputs in terms of skills developed and attained, **skills activation** assesses the transition from education to the labour market, while **skills matching** captures the extent that skills are effectively used at work and the labour market in general. Altogether the **European Skills Index** measures the comparative performance of the skills system of each EU country.

Event's aim

The aim of the event is to introduce the **European Skills Index**, as well as present and discuss the results of the 2018 release. Country rankings will be presented along with examples of how such a tool can be useful for interrogating a country's skills system and identifying areas allowing room for improvement. In parallel, the relations of a skills system to key employment measures that are policy relevant will be discussed. A panel debate will discuss the implications of the results for skills and labour market policies as well as how such an index can be used as a policy tool.

Agenda

09:00-09:30	Registration and coffee
09:30-10:00	<p>Opening</p> <p>Christa Schweng, President of the Section on Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship (SOC), European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)</p> <p>Alena Zukersteinova, Acting Head of Department for Skills and Labour Market, Cedefop</p>
10:00-11:00	<p>Key findings from the 2018 European Skills Index</p> <p>Ilias Livanos, Expert, Cedefop</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Michaela Saisana, Senior Scientific Officer and Project Leader, Joint Research Centre</p>
11:00-12:00	<p>Panel debate: the European Skills Index as a policy tool</p> <p>Michael Horgan, Policy Officer, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</p> <p>Olga Strietska-Ilina, Senior Skills and Employability Specialist, ILO</p> <p>Aviana Bulgarelli, Director of Research, INAPP</p> <p>Jörg Markowitsch, Senior Partner, 3s Unternehmensberatung GmbH</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Daniela Benavente, Composite indicators expert</p>
12:00-12:30	<p>Concluding remarks – end of the event</p> <p>Alison Crabb, Head of Unit for Skills and Qualifications, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</p>
12:30-13:30	Finger food and drinks