

Draft Conference Agenda

‘Vocational Training in the context of an inclusive society – experiences, demands and perspectives’

October 4th

Reception and joint Dinner at Excelsior hotel

October 5th

- 09.00** **Welcome Speech:** Thiemo Fojkar & Dr. Anthon Theuma
- 09.15** **Opening Speech:** Helena Dalli MP (Malta) - Minister for European Affairs and Equality
- 09.30** **Greeting by Commissioner Marianne Thyssen** (Video Message)
- 09.35 – 10.30** **Keynote speeches moderated by: Dr. Margarida Segard, ISQ**
- **Evarist Bartolo** Minister for Education and Employment
 - **Joao Santos** (Deputy Head of Unit - DG EMPL – Vocational Training)
 - **MEP** (to be confirmed)

 - **Dr. Eli Eisenberg**, ORT - Association for Vocational Craft
 - **Nuria de Lam Sanchez**, Big Data Value Association **(to be confirmed)**
- 10:30 – 11:00** **Coffee break**
- 11:00 – 11:30** **Award ceremony: Die Europa** – connect with DG EMPL (live), Chiara Monti, Social Policy and Migration Expert
- 11.30 – 12.30** **Project Dissemination: members present their EU projects**
- 12.30 – 14.00** **Lunch**
- 14.00 – 15.30** **Podium discussion moderated by: Edwin Ward, President of PARAGON**
- Panel members from the industry will include high-ranking experts covering the four topics identified for the workshops:
 - **NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training)** - Luca BOETTI, Head of EU and innovative projects Unit, IFOA
 - **Industry 4.0 → 5.0** - Panayiotis Ionannou, Microsoft Innovation Center Malta
 - **Labour market/ unemployment** – Dr. Günter Lambertz, DIHK Brussels
 - **New strategies in EU funding** - Wallis Goelen-Vandebrock (Head of Unit DG EMPL – European Social Fund)
- 15.30 – 15.40** **Conference 1st day Closure: Horst Dreimann** (Outlook on next day)
- 15.40 – 16.00** **Coffee break**
- 16.00 – 18.00** * **Speed- Dating between conference attendees (by means of a professional VET profile submitted in advance) or an industry visit**

October 6th

- 09.00 – 10.00** **Erasmus+ celebration (event by GD EAC – to be confirmed)**
- 10.00 - 10.30** **Introduction into Workshops**
- 10.30 – 11.00** **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 – 13.00** **Workshops:**
- **NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training)**
(Rapporteur: Conny Reuter; SG, Solidar)
 - Focus on Best Practices: To be requested by members
 - Educate young adults to prevent them from drifting into populism
 - **Industry 4.0 → 5.0**
(Rapporteur: Alessandro Mele, Cometa Group)
 - From automated factory to a balance of men and machines
 - 5.0 Fifth industrial revolution: public and private investments & framework condition
 - **Labour market/ unemployment**
(Rapporteur: Dr. Günter Lambertz, DIHK Brussels)
 - 'Intrapreneurship' concept by Paragon: Behave as an entrepreneur within a large organisation – sustain innovation & facilitate culture change in the organisation while less risk for individual
 - Labour market trends: green jobs/ digitalization
 - **New strategies in EU funding**
(Rapporteur: Rob Versteeg (Endurance Netherlands))
 - Do current EU funding schemes meet our requirements?
 - Future outlook concerning ESF (European Social Fund) & other important funding schemes
- Barriers in Uptake of Technology for Education and Social Service Providers**
(Rapporteur: Andreas Koth, Internationaler Bund / ENTELIS Network)
- 'Barriers such as high costs, lack of awareness, understanding and strong views regarding appropriateness hinder the uptake and use of technology in the VET sector as well as in the care and social support services. The workshop will discuss opportunities technology offers for people with disabilities to participate in VET and how technology can enhance the alignment of formal and informal vocational education within the digital transformation process towards an inclusive society and try to formulate strategies in response to the barriers identified.'
- 13.00 – 14.00** **Lunch**
- 14.00 – 15.30** **Workshops continued**
- 15.30 – 16.00** **Coffee Break**
- 16.00 – 17.00** **Results Workshops**
- 17.00** **Presentation of the Maltese Declaration (by Horst Dreimann)**
- 17.10** **Signing of the Maltese Declaration**
- 17.15** **Closing words by EVTA President Christophe Donon and PARAGON Chairman Anton Theuma**
- 19.00** **Maltese evening (Historical tour Malta)**
Boat trip and dinner in restaurant

October 7th

Face to Face discussion for future project planning and dissemination
Cultural Event (on a voluntary basis – own event)