



# CEDEFOP

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# FIFTH POLICY LEARNING FORUM on apprenticeships

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## Social dialogue in apprenticeships

9.00-9.30 **Registration**

9.30-10.00 **Welcome and introduction**

**Welcome messages**

**Mario Patuzzi**, Chairperson of the Management Board,  
German Confederation of Trade Unions (DGB)  
**Jürgen Siebel**, Executive Director, Cedefop

**Introduction on the series of Policy learning forums on apprenticeships**

**Ramona David Craescu**, Coordinator, Department for VET and skills,  
Cedefop

10.00-10.50 **Session 1.**

**Country presentation: Ireland**

Moderator: **Ramona David Craescu**, Cedefop

**Presentation and discussion with group representatives**

**Tony Donohoe**, Irish Business and Employers' Confederation (IBEC)  
**Alan McGrath**, SOLAS  
**Frank Vaughan**, Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU)

**Q&As from the audience**

10.50-11.10 **HEALTH BREAK – FAMILY PHOTO**

11.10-12.00 **Session 2.**

**Country presentation: the Netherlands**

Moderator: **Vlasis Korovilos**, Cedefop

**Presentation and discussion with group representatives**

**Isabel Coenen**, The Netherlands Trade Union Confederation (FNV)  
**Duco Hoep**, Royal Dutch employers' organization metal industry

**Q&As from the audience**

12.00-12.10 **HEALTH BREAK**

12.10-13.00 **Session 3.**

**Country presentation: Malta**

Moderator: **Vlasis Korovilos**, Cedefop

**Presentation and discussion with group representatives**

**Mario Cardona**, Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST)  
**Robert Micallef**, Malta Employers Association, Malta Chamber of SMEs

**Q&As from the audience**

13.00-14.00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14.00-15.30 **Roundtable discussions 1.**

**Knowledge sharing and peer learning**

**Reflections and experience sharing from all PLF participants**

Allocation to groups according to badge colour

**Group A: Europa room**

Moderator: **Cedefop**

Discussants: **Olga Kafetzopoulou**, Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, Greece

**Group B: Montessori room**

Moderator: **Cedefop**

Discussant: **Julius Jakučinskas**, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania

**Group C: Alexandria room**

Moderator: **Cedefop**

Discussant: **Francesco Lauria**, Italian Confederation of Trades Unions (CISL), Italy

15.30-15.50 **HEALTH BREAK**

15.50-16.50 **Roundtable discussions 2.**

**Takeaways and action points**

**Reflections and experience sharing within each stakeholder group**

Allocation to groups according to group type

**Group A: Europa room**

Representatives of the governments

**Group B: Montessori room**

Representatives of employees' organisations

**Group C: Alexandria**

Representatives of employers' organisations

**Reporting back: Europa room**

16.50-17.00 **Concluding remarks**

**Vlasis Korovilos**, Expert, Cedefop

17.00 **END OF MEETING**

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