



“Conference on lifelong learning and the securing of career paths”

Centre Pierre Mendès-France

13 and 14 November 2008, Paris

Developing flexicurity policies

Lifelong learning lies at the heart of principles of flexicurity. Based on shared findings, this involves identifying the challenges to be tackled by public policies and the changes that must be made in response to prospects for the supply and demand for qualifications identified within the European Union.

PROGRAMME

Thursday 13 November 2008

8.30 – 9.00 **Registration**

9.00 – 10.30 **Opening session**

- 9.00 – 9.20 ◀ *Laurent Wauquiez, Minister of State for Employment*
- 9.20 – 9.40 ◀ *Vladimir Špidla, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities*
- 9.40 – 10.15 ◀ *Introductory address: Michel Quéré, Director of the French Centre for Study and Research into Qualifications (CEREQ): key issues and topics*

10.15 – 13.00 **Session 1: Vocational training and the securing of career paths - findings and key issues**

Session chairman: ▶ *Michel Quéré, Director of the CEREQ*

- 10.15 – 10.40 Disparities of access to training in different European countries. Presentation of the results of the European 2006 *Adult Education Survey* concerning disparities of access to training
▶ *Jean-Louis Mercy, Head of the Education, Science and Culture Statistics Unit at Eurostat, European Commission*
- 10.40 – 11.05 The effectiveness of vocational training vis-à-vis individual career paths and corporate competitiveness.
▶ *Marc Ferracci, Researcher at the Economic and Statistical Research Centre of the French National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE) and Lecturer at the Université Paris-Est Marne la Vallée.*
▶ *Questions from the floor*
- 11.15 – 11.45 Break

- 11.45 – 13.00 Round table discussion: Future challenges for vocational training
 - ◀ *Moderator: Michel Quéré, Director of the CEREQ*
 - ◀ *Henri Lachmann, President of Schneider Electric Supervisory Board*
 - ◀ *Jose Silva Penada, Member of the European Parliament, member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and former Portuguese Minister for Employment and Social Security*
 - ◀ *Joël Decaillon, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation*
 - ◀ *Henrik Bach Mortensen, Director of the Danish Employers' Confederation and representative of Business Europe*
 - ◀ Questions from the floor

- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch**

- 14.30 – 17.30 Session 2: Making vocational training more effective in securing career paths - the role of public policies**

Session chairman: ▶ Vincent Merle, Professor at the Conservatoire national des arts et métiers (CNAM)

 - 14.30 – 14.55 ▶ *Emmanuel Hassan, Expert, DG Employment, European Commission: Choosing public policies to promote the training of employees in companies*
 - 14.55 – 15.20 ▶ *Patrick Werquin, Economist, Directorate for Education, OECD: The role of public policies in detecting and supporting adult training needs*
 - ◀ Questions from the floor
 - 15.45 – 16.15 Break
 - 16.15 – 17.30 Round table discussion: Public vocational training policies: experiences and best practices
 - ◀ *Moderator: Vincent Merle, Professor at the CNAM*
 - ◀ *Hanne Randle, Career path researcher, University of Karlstad, Faculty of Economic Sciences, Communication and Information Technology, Sweden*
 - ◀ *Giuseppe Ciccarone, Professor of Political Economics, "La Sapienza" University, Rome, Italy*
 - ◀ *Wolfgang Kreher, Deputy Head of the "Vocational Training and Lifelong Learning" Department, Ministry for Education, Land of Hesse, Germany*
 - ◀ *Toon Janssen, Senior Project Manager, Ministry for Social Affairs and Employment, Training and Work Department, Netherlands*
 - ◀ Questions from the floor

Friday 14 November 2008

9.30 – 12.15 Session 3: Lifelong learning - future prospects

Session chairman: ◀ Tom Schuller, Director of the “Inquiry into the Future for Lifelong Learning” project, National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE), United Kingdom

- 9.30 – 9.55 Providing better information about the future needs of the job market - *New Skills for New Jobs initiative:*
 - ◀ *Aviana Bulgarelli, Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, Italy*

- 9.55 – 10.20 Development of vocational training courses and their role in integrating people into the job market:
 - ◀ *Andrew McCoshan, Director of Studies, Ecotec Consultant, United Kingdom*

 - ◀ Questions from the floor

- 10.30 – 10.45 Break

- 10.45 – 12.00 Round table discussion: Securing career paths in the Member States
 - ◀ *Moderator: Tom Schuller, NIACE*

 - ◀ *Françoise Castex, Member of the European Parliament; Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

 - ◀ *Dorota Lewandowska, Deputy Director of the Structural Funds Department, Ministry for State Education, Poland*

 - ◀ *Hélène Clark, Director, Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate/Policies and Programmes field, DG Education and Culture, European Commission*

 - ◀ *Martin Netzer, Deputy Director of the Adult Education Department, Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture, Austria*

 - ◀ Questions from the floor

12.15 – 13.00 Conclusions

- 12.15 – 12.30 ◀ *Petr Necas, Minister for Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic*

- 12.30 – 12.45 ◀ *Nikolaus G. Van der Pas, Director-General of the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission*

- 12.45 – 13.00 ◀ *French Presidency*