EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS
What comes next?
Brussels and online, 30 April 2024
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<td>OPENING SPEECH</td>
<td>Margrethe Vestager, Executive Vice President of the European Commission for a Europe fit for the Digital Age</td>
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<td>NATIONAL COORDINATORS:</td>
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<td>THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS:</td>
<td>A STEPPING-STONE TOWARDS EUROPE’S SKILLS REVOLUTION</td>
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- **Belgium**: Guibert Debroux, Head of Department “Skills & Training, Business Services and Operational Partnerships” - Le Forem (Walloon Public Employment and Vocational Training Service)
- **Bulgaria**: Natalia Efremova, Deputy Director General – Directorate-General for European funds, programmes and projects, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
- **Finland**: Teea Oja, Chief Specialist – Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland
- **France**: Marianne de Brunhoff, Project Director – Ministry of Labour
- **Spain**: Maria Antonia Agudo, Deputy Director General for Institutional Relations and Judicial Assistance – Spanish Public Employment Service (SEPE)

- **Caroline Mancel**, Chair of the European Network of Public Employment Services and Deputy Director General of Actiris (Brussels Public Employment Service)
- **Paolo Nardi**, Executive Director of the European Forum for Vocational Education and Training (EFET)
- **Fernando Sigchos Jimenez**, Secretary General of the European Builders Confederation (EBC)
- **Per Schrøder**, Executive Vice President of Operations of the Danish State Railways (DSB)
- **Giuseppina Tucci**, Representative of the European Apprentices Network (EAN) & Secretary General of the Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU)
- **Brikena Xhomaqi**, Director of Lifelong Learning Platform (LLLP)
12:10 SPOTLIGHT: THE ‘PACT FOR SKILLS’ IN ACTION

- The Renewable Energy Skills Partnership: Mariana Batista (Senior Advisor Education & Skills) & Elisabete Pinto da Silva (Steel structures specialist), WindEurope
- 2500th Pact member: Mike Kaminiaris, Project and Communications Manager at AGENSO

12:20 SPOTLIGHT: EU AGENCIES DRIVING PROGRESS AND IMPACT

- Manuela Prina, Head of Skills Identification and Development Unit, European Training Foundation (ETF)
- Jürgen Siebel, Executive Director of Cedefop

12:30 Catering area

13:45 INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT

14:00 EXPLANATION OF DISCUSSION GROUPS AND TRANSITION TIME

14:15 DISCUSSION GROUPS: THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS: WHAT COMES NEXT?

- Skills-first approaches
- Better skills intelligence and smarter use of it
- Upskilling and reskilling approaches: empowering individuals
- Investment in skills: agile funding approaches for public-private partnerships
- Addressing skills shortages: which innovative solutions?
- The Human Edge: leveraging transversal skills in the AI-driven workplace
15:45  
Catering area

16:15  
COFFEE BREAK / TRANSITION TIME TO PLENARY

Plenary room

16:15  
SKILLS REVOLUTION: AN IMPERATIVE FOR THE EUROPE OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

• Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights
• João Albuquerque, Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
• Markus Beyrer, Director General of Business Europe
• Tea Jarc, Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
• Christie Morreale, Vice-President of the Walloon Government and Minister for Employment, Training, Health, Social Action, Social Economy, Equal Opportunities and Women’s Rights (Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU)
• Valeria Ronzitti, General Secretary of SGI Europe
• Véronique Willems, Secretary General of SME United

17:15  
CLOSING REMARKS

Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

17:30  
Catering area

17:30  
NETWORKING WITH A COCKTAIL