



# **EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS** *What comes next?*

*Brussels and online, 30 April 2024*



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Entrance / Catering area

REGISTRATION AND MORNING COFFEE

Plenary room

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OPENING SPEECH

**Margrethe Vestager**, Executive Vice President of the European Commission for a Europe fit for the Digital Age

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NATIONAL COORDINATORS:  
CONVERSATION ON SKILLS

- **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)

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COFFEE BREAK

Plenary room

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THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS:  
A STEPPING-STONE TOWARDS EUROPE'S SKILLS REVOLUTION

- **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 (EfVET)
- **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)

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## 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
- **2500<sup>th</sup> Pact member: Mike Kaminariis**, Project and Communications Manager at AGENSO

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## 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

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LUNCH

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## INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT

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## EXPLANATION OF DISCUSSION GROUPS AND TRANSITION TIME

Break-out rooms

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## 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



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COFFEE BREAK / TRANSITION TIME TO PLENARY

Plenary room

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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

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CLOSING REMARKS

**Nicolas Schmit**, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

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NETWORKING WITH A COCKTAIL

