

European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA) Seminar for EAfA partner Countries

Turin (Italy), 11-12 October 2023

Venue: NH Collection Torino Santo Stefano Hotel
(Via Porta Palatina, 19, Turin)

Agenda

Wednesday, 11 October 2023

MORNING SESSION

Chair: Ms. Chiara Riondino, Head of Unit, DG EMPL B.3, European Commission

Time	Title / Description
09:00 – 09:30	Arrival and registration of participants (Welcome & coffee)
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome and introductory remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms Pilvi Torsti, Director, European Training Foundation (ETF) ➤ Ms. Chiara Riondino, Head of Unit, DG EMPL, European Commission
10:00 – 10:10	Objectives of the Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Stefan Thomas, Senior Human Capital Development Expert - Work Based Learning and Africa Team, ETF
10:10 - 10:20	Perspectives from the Presidency of the Council of the European Union <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Lydia Berrocoso Rufo, Head of VET International Relations Area, Ministry of Education and VET
10:20 - 10:30	Key messages from EU Social partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Agnes Roman, ETUC (online) ➤ Mr. Robert Plummer, Senior Adviser, BusinessEurope (videomessage)
10:30 – 11:00	EAfA and latest developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Beatrice Biolcati Rinaldi, DG EMPL B.3, European Commission Welcoming Newcomers in EAfA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Armenia ➤ Newcomers

11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 11:55	<p>Learn from and exchange with new and old EAfA Members - Georgia <i>Speakers will present the latest developments in their countries and have a discussion with the participants.</i></p> <p>Tamar Kitiashvili, Director General of the Skills Agency & Magda Bolotashvili, Deputy Director General, Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p> <p>Facilitation: Ulrike Damyanovic, Senior Human Capital Development Expert - Focal point for South Eastern Europe and Turkey - Country Liaison for Montenegro</p>
11:55 – 12:25	<p>Learn from and exchange with new and old EAfA Members (two parallel groups) <i>Speakers from two Partner Countries and two Member States will present the latest developments in their countries and have a discussion with the participants. Participants need to choose one session.</i></p> <p>Room A (Sala Basilica): Olga Kafetzopoulou, Director for VET & LLL Planning and Development, Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, Greece</p> <p>Facilitation: Ulrike Damyanovic, Senior Human Capital Development Expert - Focal point for South Eastern Europe and Turkey - Country Liaison for Montenegro</p> <p>Room B (Sala Palatina): Robert Van Wezel, SBB - Vocational education Labour Market, Netherlands</p> <p>Facilitation: Timo Kuusela, Senior Human Capital Development Expert - Focal Point for Eastern Partnership - Country Liaison for Georgia and Belarus</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>WBL and apprenticeships in Italy and Piemonte: an introduction to the Site visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Raffaella Favro, Regione Piemonte, Direzione Istruzione, Formazione e Lavoro - Settore Formazione Professionale (Interpretation) ➤ Ms. Lisa Rustico, Human Capital Development Expert – Work Based Learning – Country Liaison for North Macedonia, ETF <p>Facilitation: Emmanuelle Roure, Team Leader, DG EMPL E.3, European Commission</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

Time	Title / Description
14:00 – 17:00	<p>Site visits <i>The three site visits will include presentations of the schools/companies and discussions with HR managers, teachers, trainers and learners.</i></p> <p>Site visit 1: Piazza dei Mestieri Site visit 2: ENGIM and Gerla Site visit 3: Turin Polytechnic - Iveco Group master</p>
19:30 - 22:00	<p>Welcome dinner at the restaurant “La Badessa” <i>Address: P.za Carlo Emanuele II, 17, 10123 Torino TO</i></p>

Thursday, 12 October 2023

MORNING SESSION

Chair: Mr. Georgios Zisimos, Head of Policy Advice and EU Programming Unit, ETF

Time	Title / Description
09:00 – 09:30	Feedback from the site visits Facilitation: Christian Wagner, Team Leader, EU4Youth Phase III Technical assistance component - Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship, CPMA - Lithuania
09.30 – 09:45	Western Balkans Alliance for Work-Based Learning – recent activities and developments <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Tina Saric, Director ERISSE
09:45 – 10:45	Thematic focus 1: Higher level apprenticeships Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Matteo Sgarzi, Head of Mission International Relations, Centre d'études et de recherches sur les qualifications, France➤ Tatjana Marinkovic, Professor of applied studies, Academy of technical applied studies Belgrade, Serbia➤ Carlo Cavicchioli, Instructional Designer, ITS Sustainable Mobility, Mechatronics / Piedmont Aerospace, Italy <p><i>The topic of this session is apprenticeship at higher education level (EQF 5 and above). The panel discussion will focus on the following questions: What are the opportunities and the challenges of higher apprenticeships for the stakeholders involved? Can higher apprenticeship be an opportunity for adults' upskilling and reskilling?</i></p> Facilitation: Lisa Rustico, Human Capital Development Expert – Work Based Learning – Country Liaison for North Macedonia, ETF
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:15	Thematic focus 2: In-company trainers – Concepts, challenges, perspectives Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Alessandra Biancolini, Policy Officer, ANPAL, Italy➤ Mergim Jahiu, Senior Advisor, Swiss Federal University for Vocational Education and Training (SFUVET), Switzerland➤ Sara Mandis, Policy and research assistant, European Apprentices Network <p><i>The panel discussion will focus on the following questions: What are the requirements for a company-based trainer today? What changes can be expected in the future - especially with regard to the digitalisation of training? What do promising train-the-trainer concepts and programmes look like and how are they implemented?</i></p>

	Facilitation: Stefan Thomas, Senior Human Capital Development Expert - Work Based Learning and Africa Team, ETF
12:15 – 12:30	Conclusions and closing of the seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Georgios Zisimos, Head of Policy Advice and EU Programming Unit, ETF➤ Chiara Riondino, Head of Unit, DG EMPL B.3, European Commission
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch and departures