

## Draft Agenda

### “Bridging the gap between Higher Education and VET with Industry”

03 December - 05 December 2024 | Mediterranean Beach Hotel, Limassol  
Foundation for the Management of European Lifelong Learning Programmes  
National Agency for Erasmus+ Cyprus

#### Day 1 | Arrival | 03 December 2024

Time

Until 17.00	Arrivals, Check-in at the hotel and registration
17.00 – 18.00	Welcome Cocktail Reception
18.00 – 20.00	Tour in the city of Limassol
20.00	Dinner at a restaurant in Limassol

#### Day 2 | 04 December 2024

Time

8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00– 9.15	Opening – Programme Outline by Moderator
9.15 – 9.30	Welcome speech <b>Dr. Petros Pasiardes</b> , Chairman of Cyprus National Agency for Erasmus+
9.30 – 9.55	Expanding VET at higher education levels and the implications for industry: The European perspective <b>Anastasia Poulidou</b> , Expert in qualifications and credentials - Future of VET, Cedefop
9.55 – 10.20	Coherent skills: Sharing Estonia's Experience in Bridging VET and HE <b>Kulli Alli</b> , Head of Skills Policy Area, Ministry of Education and Research
10.20 – 10.45	The relationship between academia, VET and industry <b>Joachim Calleja</b> , President EfVET and Consultant, St. Francis de Sales Institute for work-based learning and non-formal education
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee Break

**11.15-12.45**

**Interactive session 1**

Workshop leaders:

1. Rector representative
2. James Calleja
3. Kulli Alli

12.45 – 14.10

Lunch

14.10 – 14.30

Practical examples of Estonia: The role of *Kutsekoda* in bridging the gap between higher education and VET with industry

**Olav Aarna**, Professor, Academic adviser of Estonian Qualifications Authority (SA *Kutsekoda*)

14.30 – 14.50

Practical examples from Romania: Organizing Erasmus+ traineeships and cooperating with the world of work

**Sebastian Tocar**, Assistant Professor, PhD

14.50 – 15.10

Practical examples from Croatia: Use of NQF, Regional VET Competences Centres, Level 5 qualifications and national labour market data portal to design education for competitive workforce

**Mislav Balković**, Associate Professor, PhD, Rector of Algebra University

15.10 – 15.30

University Rector speech

Rector Representative from Cyprus

15.30 – 15.40

Housekeeping Moderation

15.40 – 16.00

Coffee Break

**16.00 – 17.30**

**Interactive session 2**

Workshop leaders:

1. Olav Aarna
2. Sebastian Tocar
3. Mislav Balković

17.30 – 17.40

Group Photo

17.40 – 19.30

Free time

19.30

Dinner at the hotel

### Day 3 | wrap up | 05 December 2024

Time

09.00 – 09.10      Opening by Moderator

9.10 – 9.35      Skilled workforce: The key to growth and prosperity in Cyprus  
**Ioannis Mourouzides**, Director General, Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus

9.35 – 10.00      Speech National Strategy for Lifelong learning  
Ministry of Education

#### 10.00 – 10.40      **Short feedback session**

A representative of each workshop will briefly present (5 minutes each)

10.40 – 11.00      *Coffee break*

11.00 – 12.30      Panel discussion

12.30 – 13.00      Wrap-up TCA  
Summary of suggestions and closure  
**Dr Stylianos Mavromoustakos**, Director of CY National Agency

13.00              Lunch, goodbye and farewell

*Afternoon: Optional visit to a local winery*

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#### *Important Notes:*

- IDEP (CY01 NA) will cover Accommodation for two nights (3 and 4 of December). For arrangements for additional nights, the participants should contact the hotel directly. Hotel Address: 71 Amathus Avenue, 4533 Agios Tychonas Limassol, Cyprus
- Meals will be provided according to the programme.
- The legal entries of the Republic of Cyprus are Larnaca International Airport and Pafos International Airport.