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Thursday, 25 April 2024–14:30-18:30 – JDE 51, CoR

AGENDA

***Moderator: João SANTOS**, Expert in education and training, former DHoU at the European Commission, DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DGEMPL)*

14:30 Introduction

- **João SANTOS**, Moderator

14:35 Welcome

- **Tanya HRISTOVA**, Mayor of Gabrovo BG, Chair of the SEDEC Commission, CoR

14:40 Keynote speeches

- **Vasco Alves CORDEIRO**, President of the CoR (online)
- **Andriana SUKOVA**, Acting Director General DG Employment, Social Affairs, European Commission
- **Dragoş PÎSLARU**, MEP, EP EMPL Chair (online)

15:00 Session 1: The key role of upskilling and reskilling for local and regional development

Contributions from the six commissions of the CoR on the EYS

- **Tanya HRISTOVA (BG/EPP)**, Mayor of Gabrovo, Chair of the SEDEC commission
- **Kate FEENEY (IE/Renew E.)**, Member of a Local Executive: Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, rapporteur on the CoR opinion on the SME Relief Package & BEFIT, CoR member, ECON commission
- **Nathalie SARRABEZOLLES (FR/PES)**, Councillor of the Finistère Departmental Council, First Vice-Chair, COTER commission
- **Giuseppe VARACALLI (IT/Renew E.)**, Member of Gerace Municipal Council, CoR rapporteur for the opinion on Legal Migration – Attracting skills and talent to the EU, CIVEX commission
- **Rafał Kazimierz TRZASKOWSKI (PO/EPP)**, President of the capital city of Warsaw Chair of the ENVE commission
- **Radim SRŠEŇ (CZ/EPP)**, Mayor of the Municipality of Dolní Studénky, First Vice Chair, NAT commission (online)



15:50 SLIDO + Q&A and discussion

16:00 Session 2: Regional Skills Intelligence: Driving Growth and Prosperity in Cities and Regions

- **Karen MAGUIRE**, Head of Division, LEED Committee, OECD
- **Caroline MANCEL**, Chair of the PES Network, Deputy Director General of PES Belgium/Actiris.PES Network
- **Francois DECOSTER (FR/Renew E.)**, rapporteur of the CoR Opinion on Skills and Talent Mobility, CoR member
- **Iñigo ARAIZTEGUI**, Director of the Internationalisation Department of TKNIKA, VET provider
- **Denis LEYTHIENNE**, Deputy Head of Unit, ESTAT.F.3 'Labour market and lifelong learning' EUROSTAT
- **Stelina CHATZICHRISTOU**, Expert, Skills trends and intelligence, Department for VET and Skills, CEDEFOP

16:50 SLIDO + Q&A and discussion

17:00 Coffee break

17:10 Session 3: Private-Public Partnerships for Upskilling and Reskilling at the local and regional level

- **Julie FIONDA**, Deputy Head of Unit 'Skills Agenda', DG EMPL, European Commission
- **Marie-Louise RÖNNMARK (SE/PES)**, Member of Umeå Municipal Council, CoR member
- **Michaela PALASOVA**, Head of the Trnava Region Brussels Representation Office, Automotive Skills Alliance Regional Implementation Working Group Co-Lead Automotive Regions Alliance, Pact for Skills
- **Inês RODRIGUES**, Senior officer in the Social Impact & Skills Financing Unit, European Investment Bank, Expert in PPPs
- **Pieter MOERMAN**, Director of Platform Talent for Technology and one of the founders of the Katapult network, CoVE

17:50 SLIDO + Q&A and discussion

18:00 Inspirational speech

'Embracing change: the impact of Artificial Intelligence in Skills Sets'

Charles FADEL, Centre for Curriculum Redesign (video)

18:10 Conclusions

Thomas WOBEN, Director for Legislative Works, European Committee of the Regions

Manuela GELENG, Director of Jobs and Skills, DG EMPL, DG Employment, Social Affairs, European Commission.

18:30 End of event
