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VET4EU2 meeting with DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL)

Barcelona, 06-02-2015 // euken informs about the VET4EU2 discussions with the EC in Brussels

On 29th January 2015, the representatives of the six European associations that form **VET4EU2** (EfVET, euken, EUproVET, EURASHE, EVBB and EVTA) met in Brussels with the DG EMPL, Unit C5 (*Vocational Training and Adult Education*).

The participants of the full day meeting were welcomed by Mr João Santos, Acting Head of Unit C5. The Director of DG EMPL 'C' (*Europe 2020: Employment Policies*), Mr Detlef Eckhart, presented the priorities of the Directorate and the role of VET and Adult Education. He stressed the important role of the VET providers (EfVET, EUproVET, EVBB and EVTA) and the partner-associations in HE (euken and EURASHE), and the willingness to work closely with them. The Director of DG Education and Culture (DG EAC) 'C' (*Youth and Sport*), Mr Antonio Silva Mendes, gave an update on the Youth initiative under Erasmus+.

In addition, the VET representatives were updated on the developments and progress on a number of key initiatives for VET undertaken by the Commission. Members working on each initiative gave presentations followed by discussions. The initiatives presented were:

- European Skills, Competence, Qualifications and Occupations (ESCO),
- Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe (EPALE),
- ET2020 Joint Report,
- 2015 Bruges Review,
- VET Tools (i.e. ECVET),
- Grand Coalition on Digital Jobs
- Analysis of Higher VET in the Europe

The six associations gave an update on their activities and actions while discussing ways of further collaboration with the DG EMPL.

Note about the editors



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