

#### 4. General details

Addressees	Executive Committee
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Name	<b><i>Minutes of the 53<sup>d</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee</i></b>
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#### 4. Content

1. The Executive Committee of the European Vocational Training Association (EVTA) held its fifty-third meeting in Brussels on 26 January 2010. A list of participants is provided at the end of this document.

##### I. Approval of the agenda (Doc. B/10/01)

2. The agenda of the meeting of 26 January 2010 was approved.

##### II. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee (Doc. B/09/12)

3. The minutes of the meeting of 15 September 2009 were approved.

##### III. 2009 Debriefing (Doc. B/10/02)

4. An assessment was made of the last two years of work against the backdrop of the significant changes that have taken place in vocational training and in the employment market. The assessment was positive and the intention is to use recent achievements as a basis for attracting new members.
5. Objectives – Consolidation:
  - To ensure the presence of EVTA at events organised by the Belgian presidency of the Council (the Swedish SALAA network could assist in this respect).
  - To establish closer ties with social partners.
  - To become closely involved in “New skills for New Jobs” and assert EVTA as a potential link between the world of vocational training and the employment market.
  - To monitor what is happening in the vocational training sector, not only in Europe, but also in China, India, Australia, the USA and Canada.

- To continue to strengthen the organisation by working with other networks, like EVBB, which is centred in Central and Eastern Europe.
- To establish vocational training as a key element in anticipating restructuring.
- To study the opportunities promised by the EU 2020 strategy to fund training using Community funds.
- To continue to focus on the sectoral and regional level when implementing projects and testing common/European products. The Commission is also expected to fund Sectoral Skills Councils.
- To make a concrete contribution to bridging gaps in education, training and lifelong learning between social, economic and cultural aspects and between training and employment. The context of restructuring allows these connections to be established.

#### IV. New members (Doc. B/10/03)

6. The suggestion is to maintain the status of “member” as it exists at the moment and to create a status of “partner”, in order to create the European vocational training community without giving everyone access to network management rights.
7. This system would allow organisations to be welcomed into the network who, for example, may only be interested in the political benefits of being a member of EVTA, particularly in terms of visibility. However, it is still essential for partners to share the same values as existing members.
8. Decisions:
  - the general secretariat will draw up a list of prices and conditions for the Executive Committee
  - the establishment of a “partner” status must not lead to change in the statutes.
  - the Executive Committee must be able to take the decision to accept or refuse a partner before referring its answer to the General Assembly for information.
9. EVTA is increasingly working with networks that are not competitors but are on the contrary complementary with our work. For example EURANEC. EVTA could act as their secretariat. This would not involve a lot of work and would contribute greatly to strengthening links with the employment market.

#### V. Restructuring (Doc. B/10/04)

10. The “Restructuring Toolbox” and “Going local to respond to employment challenges” projects were both successful. They were high quality projects and gave the network

very positive visibility, particularly in the eyes of the DG for Employment and Social Affairs.

11. EVTA confirms its position as a bridge between vocational training and employment at European level.

## VI. Any other business

12. EVTA is recognised as a learning company and a Leonardo partner
13. The Internet statistics are unchanged.
14. The dialogue with J. Delgado (DG EAC, Leonardo de Vinci) is continuing.
15. European projects: several are currently being planned for the coming months. Some projects have not been accepted, but their content will be re-used in other projects.
16. Suggestion made to network members to use the Grundtvig scholarships. The general secretariat will look at the possibility of implementing this programme.
17. The General Assembly will take place in Valence on 10th and 11th June, subject to confirmation by Imelsa.

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**  
**53rd meeting of the Executive Committee**  
**26 January 2010**

The official members of the Executive Committee as of 26/01/2010 are:

President	Donal SANDS	Present
Vice President	Ulla ENGSTROM	Present
Vice President	Vincent DESTIVAL	Absent
Treasurer	Tomas JOVAISA	Absent
Centres of expertise	Pasqualino MARE	Present
ENAIP	Tino CASTAGNA	Present
FAS	Jim COUGHLAN	Absent with apologies
LERNIA	Katharina SJOGREN- EDSTROM	Replaced by Pia SVENSSON
AIKE	Petri SOTARAUTA	Present

Also present were the following members of the EVTA general secretariat:

- Tommaso GRIMALDI, general secretary
- Pauline VEN DEN BOSCH
- Sophie FALIER