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Decisions and summary of the 55th meeting of the Executive Committee of the European Vocational Training Association, that took place in Brussels on the 2 September 2010.

1. Agenda is approved
2. Decisions and summary of the debate of last meeting are approved

B-10-12 debriefing of Valencia and follow-up

3. It is important and appreciated to meet more than only the members. It was also the case to see back former members, such as VDAB or IB and keep them involved.
4. About speakers, Mr Hatt (DG Employment) and Mr Hesse (DG Education) were there and saw what we have produced. It was also interesting to learn more about the Globalisation Fund of the DG Employment.
5. The portal of mobility presented is a huge work and creates impact. Members that want it can welcome someone from the project to better explain how to use it and what are advantages. Members think that it is a good idea to work closer to the home market. For some regional governments, it gives the quality framework to send trainees. It is very interesting for sectors, too. This plateforme gives answers at several levels. It is a system ready for ECVET, it created synergy between national level and European level. This could even be an element to enhance, to push, to promote other dossiers and instruments.
6. About the training of the trainers, this work programme was not focusing on it anymore but it can be interesting to come back on it, due to the framework of the follow-up of Copenhagen, in December. The question is directly linked to the one of qualification of trainers. It could be a specific point in the Bruges declaration. Let's imagine a proposal of quality certificate.
7. The attractiveness of VET was present in Copenhagen but after ten years nothing is done, it is thus now a huge debate in Europe. There is no budget at DG Education for it this year but we could imagine a Forum of the Civil Society, for professionals in VET, for next year. We have to make a common proposal on it, which effect do we want to reach? If we focus on some activities, work with sectors could be the most effective for attractiveness. At the moment, sectors are mainly recruiting among dropped out people. Drop out is also a big element of the Bruges declaration. The proposal could be an annual meeting, a huge event. A part of the open debate at the General Assembly can be on that theme.

8. Another theme we spoke about at the General Assembly and should continue to do so because of the interest of the Commission for it is the link with research. That is indirectly linked to attractiveness of VET : in education, they have their own research and figures, it might be interesting to be part of European network of research, paid by the Commission. We are already trying to be part of such networks, experimentations put in place. Lernia will send to the General Secretariat the results of study they are doing on their work.
9. We had confirmation that the role of social inclusion of VET will be crucial in the coming texts from European institutions (Commission and Council).
10. Related to New skills for New jobs, an important speech will be made by the General Secretary in a meeting organised by the Belgian Presidency, a formal meeting for Public employment services, it is the first time they accept people from a network to give some input.

B-10-13: three-year programme.

11. On topics linked to employment, a letter is prepared for the Commissioner for employment and social affairs. Two proposals, short- and long-term, are made: the first is to work on mobility at all levels, not only labour issues, but also on VET issues. The second one is about the launching of a one-week university of EVTA for trainers, supported by the Commissioner.
12. About ECVET and its relation with quality, the project ECVET Synergy is now called ECVET Team and EVTA is still present in it. The website of the project is www.ecvet-team.eu and must participate to the aim of the project of speeding up the implementation of ECVET in Member States. We must now give visibility to the work done by EVTA in it and we need to know the needs of members to focus our work on them.
13. The participation of EVTA to the Bruges declaration must consolidate the work already done these last three years. Five networks will participate and are trying to make a text that could be common to all networks. Themes are diversity in VET, new governance and miss of representatives at European level, etc. We must show what we can do as VET providers when we work together at European level, it is more than just training. Tino Castagna is interested in joining the work and Lernia will also propose someone to work on it.

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14. Our Treasurer is no more able to fulfill his role and people could feel anxious on how to have good management decisions based on good understanding of the accounts. The accountant is present to give all keys to understand the situation.
15. Some remarks: the presentation of accounts has to be based on Belgian law, it is a picture of the situation at the end of the year. The costs of the general secretariat are more and more taken in charge by the European projects. We can introduce in the accounts the money of the projects only once the project is finished, before, a monitor report is done and a reserve is foreseen. The situation is under control.

16. A great problem is due to the non-payment of membership-fees. In 2009, only 76% of membership fees were paid and in 2008 it was worst.
17. The proposal is that if you are present at the last general assembly of the year and thus contribute to the programme of next year, you have to pay your membership fee. The impact is important because, even if we have new members, you don't see it because it only compensates those who do not pay.
18. It is important because, when you pay, you want to participate to get an added value.

B-10-14 vet community

19. The current process is the development of a European VET and LL community. Therefore we are working on a new visual for the webpage. We need to change our image and show more what we do than who we are. To show the European concerns of members instead of members themselves. The new enter to the website will be by keywords.
20. We are considering to make an EVTA monitoring platform on VET to give to everybody the opportunity to enter the debate, follow it and react. That platform could follow the decisions of the commission, EESC, Parliament, etc. It would be a strong message in showing that we are part of the debate.

B-10-15 next general assembly

21. We should keep the template of a big part open to others than the network and a short part for formal points. The suggestion is to get specific speakers on specific subjects to work into small workgroups, for a more dynamic discussion.
22. Commission's speakers could still be present and speakers from a Belgian organisation of small- and medium-sized companies. Social partners could also be invited.
23. Date of the General Assembly will be 25-26 November and it will take place in Belgium, to follow the European presidency.

Other matters

24. Coming events: ageing population, Cedefop
25. Current consultation on ESCO
26. Call for proposals on green jobs.

Next Executive Committee meeting

27. It will take place on Wednesday 27 October.