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Decisions and summary of the 56th meeting of the Executive Committee of the European Vocational Training Association, that took place in Brussels on the 27 October 2010.

1. Agenda is approved. This meeting will focus on the preparation of the General Assembly meeting.
2. Record of decisions and summary of the debate of last meeting are approved.

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3. Report is made on the participation as a speaker of EVTA at Ghent meeting, organized by Belgian presidency about quality transitions and the role of vocational training. The audience was exclusively composed of Public Employment Services.
4. About the implementation of European Skills Councils, Mr Lebrun (European Commission, DG Employment and Social Affairs) is interested in sending someone from his unit to our General Assembly meeting to explain what it goes about.
5. On the 18th of November, there will be a communication on the agenda for New skills for New jobs. It will be presented at the General Assembly meeting.
6. The role that EVTA should reach is to contribute with dialogue between sectors and VET. The opportunity is to work on quality in VET.
7. In this perspective, it is important to work with regional and local administration, most of the time, there are sector-based.
8. The President had a meeting with the cabinet of the Commissioner to emphasize the importance of transnationality and the willing to follow some initiative during the Hungarian presidency, since the commissioner is Hungarian. The person in charge of VET in the cabinet was interested in mobility issues, but from the point of view of pensions and housing and a little bit about green jobs. That means that mobility of workers is not a success story and that EVTA has still a great job to do.
9. It is important to go on with the work on training mobility. And another important question is the mobility from one sector to another one. Therefore, new transversal skills are important to develop: communication, ICT, etc.
10. Information: an important publication has been made by the Cedefop on Green jobs.

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11. Since decisions were taken in Torino, EVTA has invest time and money into ECVET and EQF, we have today a place in the EQF advisory group (with representatives of Member States) and it is of strategic relevance because we know things the first. It is also important for our image.
12. A hot issue to be done there is how a network can answer to the refusal of Member States to recognize competences of sectors because they have no guarantee of quality. It is important to keep the seat there. The EC agrees on that.
13. About the Copenhagen process, the Bruges communiqué will give the guidelines for 10 coming years. A workgroup worked on the EVTA proposal because a declaration will be made by four main VET networks and will be added to the document of the communiqué.
14. Following that declaration, it is possible that Mr Delgado (European Commission, DG Education and culture) will have some money for these networks to work together on the objectives of EU2020.
15. Our force is to be seen as the network able to federalize and make the bridge between different actors.
16. About the European Economic and Social Committee, every two years, there is a new president. It is now Staffan Nilsson, from the third group (civil society) and we know well the presidents of second (workers) and third groups, Luca Jahier, who could be interested in coming to our General Assembly meeting.
17. EESC will give an opinion on the future new rules for Social Fund. EVTA can influence it.
18. Still in the EESC, there is a commission working on industrial change. EVTA will send CV's of experts to participate to it and make a presentation of the work done on anticipation of restructuring.
19. About research in VET. We all agree that we need more data on VET in Europe. But VET actors are never involved in research. A great project, with 23 partners has been proposed to the Commission and a point on research is present in the Bruges communiqué.
20. It is important to work with universities instead of seeing them as competitors.

COMMUNICATION

21. EVTA's general secretariat made a short publication with strong messages and a lot images, to be used as marketing material by members. Comments are integrated to make a new version for General Assembly meeting
22. A new presentation of the website is made, to show no more who is EVTA but what does EVTA do. Changes are appreciated. The general secretariat will keep on working on it.

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23. The accountant will be present to explain the accounts.

24. For the speakers, we will go on with having high level interventions. Opportunity to have the EESC on next then-year programme, then Lebrun could explain future European Skills Councils and discuss how EVTA could participate.
25. A new unit has been created in DG Education about equal opportunities. Seen that they work on the problem of early school leavers, it could be interesting as well to meet them.
26. The proposal of speakers for General Assembly meeting is then: EESC on EU2020; Lebrun on Skills Councils; Political point of view (Commissioner) on mobility; quality of VET; finances.