



30 November 2016  
Rue d'Arlon 40 (In front of the Parliament)  
**LLL Interest Group Policy Debate**  
**The New Skills Agenda**  
**From political will to effective implementation**

European Commissioners Thyssen and Katainen announced the adoption of a new and comprehensive **Skills Agenda for Europe**, officially launched in June 20th in Brussels. The aim of this new policy framework is **to ensure that the right training, skills and support are available to the citizens and residents of the European Union**. It also aims to equip them for good-quality jobs, as well as help them fulfil their personal potential.

The speed and nature of globalisation, technological change and innovation, changes in work organisation, environmental change and demographic trends take very different forms across Europe. These changes are affecting what kind of work is done, who carries it out and where and how it is carried out. Indeed, change can be positive, however, such change can also lead to exclusion of those who are not equipped with required skills and those who are not able to fully and quickly adapt to the “new reality”. In this context, **how can these transformations, affecting traditional jobs, working relations and shifting opportunities be tamed so as to reduce inequalities and marginalisation brought by rapidly changing economies and societies?**

Employment is one of the key objectives of education, training and learning, and the level of an individual's qualifications can have an enormous impact on the ability to get a job, to keep a job, the salary level, working conditions etc. **The aim of the fourth LLL Interest Group meeting will be to explore the different approaches in various sectors of education and training and how the New Skills Agenda will tackle these issues**. Furthermore, we want to explore what interpretations should be made in its implementation to ensure employability is perceived as well as sine qua non condition for social inclusion and active citizenship.

## Agenda

12:00 PM - 14:00 PM

### Welcome words & Introduction

- MEP Sirpa Pietikainen (EPP, Finland)
- Regina Ebner, Secretary General of EAEA and LLLP
- Brikena Xhomaqi, Director Lifelong Learning Platform

### Speakers:

- Council resolutions on the Skills Agenda, Slovak Presidency, Ivan Hromada, Head of Education
- Updates on the Skills Agenda, DG EMPL, European Commission

**Interventions from participants:**

- MEPS
- DG EAC
- LLLP members

**Closing words**

- Brikena Xhomaqi, Director of Lifelong Learning Platform

Reference:

<https://www.oecd.org/employment/emp/Enhancing-Employability-G20-Report-2016.pdf>