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MEETING MINUTES

13th meeting of the ESCO Maintenance Committee

18 September 2014

Thon Hotel EU, Brussels

1. Opening of the meeting

The first meeting of the new ESCO Maintenance Committee (MAI) under the new Terms of Reference for the ESCO Maintenance Committee was held on 18 September 2014 in Brussels.

The newly appointed members are listed below:

- Trevor Clark
- Paulo Da Silva Cipriano
- David Hunter
- Kate Milford
- Dirk Stienaers
- Dana Stroeie
- Janneke Voltman

From the previous term the following members have resigned:

- John O'Connor
- Judith De Ruijter
- Hans Ulrich Nordhaus
- Garbine Mijangos Gorozarri



Mr Jackie Morin welcomed the participants on behalf of the European Commission and communicated that a new ESCO Board was established under the new Terms of Reference for the ESCO Board.

Mr Tony BIRD chaired the meeting until the election of the new chair.

Mr Bird announced that Ms Ginta Niedra has left the ESCO Secretariat (SEC). Ms Katarzyna Wywiał has joined the team and will take over her responsibilities. Additionally, Ms Mira Lepur has also joined the team, dealing with the coordination of a number of Sectoral Reference Groups and with communication.

The agenda for the 13th meeting of the MAI was approved unanimously.

Meeting minutes

The minutes of the 12th meeting of the MAI were adopted unanimously via written procedure. The action points from the minutes were reviewed.

Meeting documents

The SEC announced that an article explaining the use of learning outcomes terminology in ESCO has been published in ESCOpedia. The MAI members raised the issue that the description of how learning outcomes are used in ESCO should be more consistent across all ESCO documents and presentations (especially the ones uploaded on ESCOpedia). In particular, it needs to be clear that in the skills/competences pillar learning outcomes terminology is used to refine the formulation of terms. This does not imply that learning outcomes are imported in the skills/competences pillar.

2. Thematic bloc 1: introduction of the new ESCO Maintenance Committee to the project

The participants introduced themselves with a tour de table.

Mr Pedro Chaves explained the election procedure for the appointment of chairperson and vice-chairperson of the ESCO Maintenance Committee.

Mr Bird was elected unanimously as chairperson of the MAI.

Ms Gerd Goetschalckx was elected unanimously as vice-chairperson of the MAI.

3. Thematic bloc 2: update on the last ESCO Board meeting

Mr Bird briefed the MAI members on the discussions held at the last ESCO Board (BOA) meeting.

Mr Martin Le Vrang presented an overview of the draft vision document and updated the MAI on the ongoing discussions in the BOA on the topic.

The MAI suggested to address the perception of the duplication/overlap of EU projects by highlighting the linkages between them and how they complement one another. The ESCO Communication strategy should be linked with the communication on the new EURES network.

Mr Chaves outlined the document on the communication strategy and updated the MAI on the outcome of the BOA discussion on the topic. The BOA advised the European Commission to develop a more inclusive communication strategy, mapping all relevant stakeholders and adapting the communication to the different actors involved.

Actions to be taken:

- The European Commission will share with the MAI members the document “the Public Employment Services’ Contribution to EU 2020”

4. Thematic bloc 3: CTC training

Mr Massimiliano Molinari held a short training on the use of the Cooperative Taxonomy Creator (CTC) and introduced the discussion on how the MAI members will make use of it.

The MAI members agreed that they should establish a coordinated approach so that the collective view of the MAI can feed back to the Sectoral Reference Groups (SREF).

The SEC explained that the CTC is not meant to replace the formal decision-making of the MAI but to give the MAI the possibility to look at the content, learn about the topics and discussions that arise (and the process ongoing on the ground) and maybe ask for clarifications. It is not foreseen that the MAI will systematically comment on individual concepts at a detailed level, but MAI members can ask clarifications from SREF.

Actions to be taken:

- The SEC will continue the development of the list of sectoral overlaps so that it can be displayed as an overview in CTC
- The SEC will look at the technical possibility of creating a closed forum in the CTC allowing MAI members to comment content among themselves before making them public



5. Thematic bloc 4: ESCO revision: ESCO v0.1

Mr Vito Spinelli presented the state of play of the revision process for the three SREF working towards the ESCO v0.1 release.

The SEC informed the MAI that the SREF Agriculture, forestry, fishery and Veterinary activities did not accept the list of qualifications that the SEC submitted to them. The MAI members advised the SEC to launch the discussion with the SREFs on the matter. In particular, the MAI advised that the contractor that developed the list of qualifications should join the SREF meeting to present their work and reply to potential questions.

Considering that the AGRI SREF is lagging behind schedule, the SEC and MAI decided to postpone the sign-off meeting to 12 November. In this meeting the MAI will aim at signing-off the VET and HOSP SREF, while for AGRI probably only the occupations will be signed-off, while the remaining data could be signed-off virtually as soon as it will be available. Since the meeting will be slightly delayed some of the most advanced ESCO v0.2 SREF could be invited to sign-off part of their data. Mr Bird will join the next AGRI SREF meeting (13-14 November) on behalf of the MAI to provide them with additional support.

Actions to be taken:

- The SEC will send invitations for the ESCO v0.1 sign-off meeting on 12 November.

6. Thematic bloc 5: ESCO revision: ESCO v0.2

Mr Spinelli and Ms Lepur briefly raised some topics regarding the external consultation under way within the HEALTH SREF.

Since expertise is missing in a number of subsectors, the SREF has organised a consultation with external organisation (umbrella organisations at European level). This creates some challenges for the consistent implementation of the methodology.

The MAI suggested to ask the SREF to provide a full list of the organisations involved in the consultation and asked the SEC to follow up closely and verify that the methodology is fully and consistently applied.



Ms Lepur briefed the MAI on a request submitted by the Transportation SREF. The group stated that “Pipeline transport” should not be part of their sector. The MAI members agreed that this is indeed very often the case also on national level and therefore agreed that the subsector (NACErev2 code 49.5) be moved to the Energy and water supply, sewerage and waste management SREF as soon as it is established.

Actions to be taken:

- The SEC will send invitations for the ESCO v0.1 sign-off meeting on 12 November
- The SEC will communicate the decision on the sectoral overlap to the TRAN SREF
- The SEC will take steps to reinforce the air transport subsector, as there is a lack of expertise within the SREF

7. Thematic bloc 6: evolution of the ESCO guidelines

Mr Spinelli presented the updated version of the ESCO blueprints for the occupations “Veterinary nurse” and “Waiter/waitress”. The blueprints are based on real data and have been validated by the relevant SREF.

The MAI provided some comments on the content of the documents and advised the SEC to amend them accordingly.

In particular, the MAI suggested to rethink the level of detail of the knowledge concepts (which seems to be too high at the moment) and review the list of skills and competences for inconsistencies or missing concepts.

Furthermore, the MAI advised to clarify that some concepts are worked out in more detail.

The MAI members will provide further comments on the ESCO blueprints within two weeks.

8. Thematic bloc 7: update on the ESCO mapping pilot

Ms Katrien Vander Kuylen briefed the MAI members on the results of the 2nd meeting of the ESCO mapping pilot and presented some insights on the way forward.



9. AOB

The SEC clarified that all meeting documents and presentations will be uploaded to ESCOpedia. The MAI members agreed that a presentation of the VDAB services for the new members will be foreseen at the next meeting.

The MAI members fixed the dates for the last meeting of 2014 and the meetings of 2015.

The next MAI meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

- 10 - 11 December 2014
- 18 - 19 March 2015
- 17 - 18 June 2015
- 16 - 17 September 2015
- 9 - 10 December 2015

Upon request of a member, at the next meeting in December the MAI members will review the meeting arrangements for what concerns the arrival time and the start of the meetings.

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