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## **9th meeting of the ESCO Board**

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**Marriot Hotel, Brussels**

### **Item 1      Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was chaired by Mr Jeremy Groombridge.

Mr Groombridge introduced the newly appointed member of the ESCO Board: Ms Brigitte Bouquet and the new member of the ESCO Secretariat (SEC): Mr Aldo Laudi.

The agenda of the meeting has been adopted unanimously.

The minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> ESCO Board meeting have been adopted unanimously.

### **Item 2      Thematic block 1: ESCO Communication Strategy**

Mr Martin Le Vrang presented the ESCO Communication Strategy, a high level document that will need to evolve into a more detailed plan with concrete actions.

The BOA agreed that communication is a crucial element for the success of ESCO. Therefore, regional, national and international dissemination are needed.

The BOA agreed that the communication should support the final goal of ESCO: facilitate the convergence (not harmonisation) of national standards.

The BOA suggested that the SEC develops a plan for ESCO deliverables (the ESCO Portal is only one of them). Additionally, it should be clarified how each deliverable will be developed and how it will be marketed.

Mr Vito Spinelli presented the ESCO game that will be played at the ESCO Goes Live conference.

Mr Aldo Laudi presented the ESCO Portal.



The BOA suggested that if users are allowed to make suggestions on the dataset, they should be asked to provide evidence.

The BOA supported the idea that the EU Commission communicates a clear commitment to the continuous update of ESCO.

The BOA agreed that the Guidelines should not be published at this stage, especially because the methodology for developing ESCO v1 is not yet finalised.

Ms Karin Vander Sanden presented a concept on the implementation of the faceted approach to the language skills.

Mr Le Vrang presented a concept on the ESCOpedia.

The BOA agreed that clarifying the data model of the qualifications pillar has high priority.

### **Actions to be taken:**

- The SEC will complete the missing chapters of the communication strategy
- The SEC will add an international element to the communication strategy
- The SEC will present the BOA the open questions required to upgrade the document into a more detailed communication plan.
- The SEC will present a concept for updating ESCO v1

### **Item 3      Thematic bloc 2: status update on the progress of the project**

Mr Le Vrang presented a progress update on the work towards ESCO v0.

Mr Le Vrang informed the BOA on the tender procedure to establish a new Taxonomy Expert Group, the plan to develop a versioning strategy and the plan for the intermediate ESCO releases (in particular ESCO v0.1 and 0.2).

### **Item 4      Thematic bloc 3: Advancing the data model for ESCO v1**

Ms Vander Sanden updated the BOA on the cooperation between the Cross-Sectoral Reference Group (CSREF) and the Sectoral Reference Groups (SREF). The SREF are in the process of providing feedback to the cross-sectoral thesaurus. The CSREF will update it accordingly.

Ms Karin Vander Sanden introduced the next steps that need to be taken for developing an approach to the learning outcomes.



### **Actions to be taken:**

- the BOA asked the SEC to develop a concept note on an approach for linking the skills/competences (SC) in the SC pillar to the SC described in the learning outcomes in the qualifications pillar

### **Item 5      Thematic bloc 4: the sectoral revision process for ESCO v1**

Ms Cristina Perera-Orcastegui updated the BOA on the progress made by the SREF.

Mr Tony Bird presented a quality report on the work of the SREF, summarising open issues and outlining the current developments in the MAI.

Mr Le Vrang updated the BOA on the latest IT developments, namely the progress on the collaboration tool, plans to develop a mapping environment and to make use of Natural Language Processing to enrich the taxonomy.



Item 6      AOB

The next BOA meeting will take place in Berlin on 25 October 2013.

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**Documents adopted on the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ESCO Board**

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| 1) | Agenda for the 7 <sup>th</sup> ESCO Board meeting on 15 March 2013 | ESCO (2013) SEC 015 DRAFT |
| 2) | Minutes of the 6 <sup>th</sup> ESCO Board meeting                  | ESCO (2012) SEC 075 DRAFT |

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