

ESF Conference Programme

The Irish Presidency European Social Fund Conference will take place on 28 and 29 May 2013 in the Royal Kilmainham Hospital, Kilmainham, Dublin 8. The Conference theme will be on **ESF contribution to Labour Market Activation** and the challenges arising from the unemployment and jobs crisis that currently exist across the Europe.

28th May 2013 - Day 1
09.00hrs to 17.15rs

Time	Session	Interpretation
09.00 – 10.00	Registration	
09.45 – 10.00	Welcome Speech from Ciarán Cannon T.D - Minister for Training and Skills	DE-EN-ES-FR-IT to DE-EN-ES-FR-IT
10.00. – 10.30	Opening remarks from the Deputy Director General of DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion <i>Mr Zoltan Kazatsay.</i>	DE-EN-ES-FR-IT to DE-EN-ES-FR-IT
10.30 – 11.00	Presentation by the Commission on the role of ESF and Labour Market Activation <i>Ms. Cinzia Masina, DG Employment</i>	DE-EN-ES-FR-IT to DE-EN-ES-FR-IT
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break	
11.15 – 12.45	Presentation on the role of ESF and Social Partners in identifying the links between labour market skills to labour market needs <i>Mr. Luca VISENTINI, ETUC Confederal Secretary</i> <i>Ms Karen Roij ,Confederation of Danish Employers</i>	DE-EN-ES-FR-IT to DE-EN-ES-FR-IT
12.45 – 14.15	Lunch	
14.15 – 15.00	Presentation of National Labour Market Activation Programme – MOMENTUM <i>The MOMENTUM Programme is designed to assist long term unemployed jobseekers to gain in-demand skills and to access work in sectors of the economy where there are job opportunities. The programmes includes on-the job training in the form of work experience modules as well as the development of the workplace skills required to obtain and retain employment</i> <i>Mr. Ciaran Conlon, FÁS</i>	DE-EN-ES-FR-IT to DE-EN-ES-FR-IT
15.00 -15.15	Coffee Break	
15.15– 16.45	Work Groups 1. Labour market activation through tertiary education - Including presentation on Springboard Programme; that is designed to assist unemployed people who have lost their jobs to return to sustainable employment or self-employment through access to higher education courses designed to meet current and future skills needs. - <i>Presenter Mary Liz Trant, HEA, Rapporteur Marie Bourke Expert Group on Future Skills Needs.</i>	DE-EN-FR to DE-EN-FR

	<p>2. Tailoring vocational training programme to future skills needs - Including presentation on new approaches to linking vocational training to market needs by the National Training and Employment Authority.- <i>Presenter Jasmina, Behan, FÁS, Rapporteur Bryan Fields, FÁS.</i></p> <p>3. Activation of youth at highest risk of social exclusion - Including presentation on Police Youth Diversion Programme; designed to divert young people from becoming involved in crime and towards improving their long-term employability- <i>Presenter Joe Gavin, Irish Youth Justice Service, Rapporteur Willie McIntosh, ESF Managing Authority.</i></p>	
16.45 -17.00	Day 1 - Wrap up	DE-EN-ES-FR-IT to DE-EN-ES-FR-IT
19.30-22.30	Transport / Dinner / Entertainment	

**29th May - Day 2
09.30hrs to 14.00hrs**

Time	Session	Interpretation
09.30 – 09.45	Opening Day 2	DE-EN-ES-FR-IT to DE-EN-ES-FR-IT
9.45 – 11.00	Work Group Feedback by Rapporteurs	DE-EN-ES-FR-IT to DE-EN-ES-FR-IT
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break	
11.15 – 12.30	<p align="center">Panel discussion on ESF and Labour Market Activation</p> <p align="center"><i>Chair: Vincent Landers, Head of ESF Ireland. Una Halligan, Chairperson of the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs. Manuela Geleng, Head of Unit - ESF policy and legislation, financial engineering Bryan Fields, Director of Curriculum and Quality Assurance, FÁS Dr Marie Griffin, CEO, Co. Dublin VEC (Further and Vocational Education) Tony Donohue, Head of Education, Social and Innovation Policy, IBEC, (Employers Group representative) Blair Horan, ex-General Secretary of the Civil, Public and Services Union</i></p>	DE-EN-ES-FR-IT to DE-EN-ES-FR-IT
12.30 - 12.45	<p align="center">Closing of Conference Ciarán Cannon T.D - Minister for Training and Skills</p>	DE-EN-ES-FR-IT to DE-EN-ES-FR-IT
12.45 – 14.00	Lunch	