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Sector Council on Jobs and Skills

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About this presentation

- Background
- What a S(ector) C(ouncil) is
- Goals and objectives of a SC
- What a SC should do and focus on
- What a SC is not
- What should the IC do or not do?



Background

- A set of recommendations of an expert group was formulated to build stronger bridges between the world of education and training and the world of industry.
- ***New Skills for New Jobs: Action Now. A Report by the Expert group on New Skills for New jobs prepared for the European Commission (February 2010)***

Background

- This report urges the EU-member states to:
Create EU sectorial councils, bringing together existing national networks at EU level for the analysis of the skills needs and the development of proposals for updated qualifications in each sector. Encourage the emergence of a new and specific body representing all key stakeholders of the learning sector at EU level. (p. 31)

Sector Councils

- would take the form of a cross the border network consisting of national observatories on skills and employment, relevant representatives from education and training organisations should be invited to participate.

Sector Councils

- Objectives:
 - continuous dialogue
 - sharing of information and good practice
 - providing recommendations on quantitative and qualitative trends in employment and skills needs in the sector
 - other issues related to qualifications and competences

Sector Councils

- Production by the sector council of synthesis reports on:
 - Quantitative developments in the sector
 - Qualitative developments in the sector
 - Methods, tools, case studies from observatories
 - Recommendations from the Council to policy makers and other stakeholders and annual work plan for next year
 - Peer learning for national/regional councils from exchange of information and practices.

Sector Councils

- Platform of exchange and discussion between sector representatives and education and training providers
- Increased knowledge on employment and skills evolution in the sector in Europe
- Useful tool to support sectorial social dialogue activities
- Recommendations to draw attention of policymakers to concerns of sector regarding skills and employment

Sector Councils

- Organisation of 2-3 meetings per year of Council
- Organisation of 1 dissemination conference per year
- Financial support from Commission is conditional and temporary

Sector Councils

How to go about it?

- Agreement by European social partners and support from several national/regional sector councils.
- Submission of proposal to Commission for financing first year of running of a sector council on employment and skills.

Sector Councils

- The set up would involve two phases:
 1. identifying existing national observatories and councils on jobs and skills
 2. setting up the sector council, bringing together these bodies in a network

- Pilot phase for some sectors running in 2011 (Commerce and Textile).

Difference with Social Dialogue

- Agree not to discuss labour relations in sector councils
- Skills anticipation are core topic of EU sector councils
- Involve other stakeholders than social partners
- Platform of exchange between education and employment
- Tool to support vocational training and social dialogue

What should the IC do?

- Discussion conducted by Wolfgang Faigle and Tommie Nyström

