



ΚΥΠΡΙΑΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ
REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS



Cyprus Presidency Conference ON JOB CREATION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Ministry of Labour & Social Insurance - Department of Labour

Joint Conference of the Employment Committee (EMCO) &
the Heads of Public Employment Services (HoPES) of EU Member States

**“Developing Sustainable Youth Employment Policies
in an era of fiscal constraints”**

*Conference Centre Filoxenia
Nicosia, 22-23 October 2012*



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Monday, 22 October 2012

7.30 – 8.30	Information Desk operational at each hotel
8.30 – 9.30	Transportation from hotels to Filoxenia Conference Centre Welcome Coffee
9.30 – 10.00	Welcome and opening of the Conference
Zinon Kitievs B	Mrs Sotiroula Charalambous Minister of Labour and Social Insurance, Cyprus Mrs Wallis Goelen, Head of Unit: C4 -Employment Services, Mobility, DG Employment, European Commission Mr Mik Woolley, Chair of Employment Committee (EMCO)

PLENARY SESSION I

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	Moderator: Ms Wallis Goelen, European Commission
10.00 – 10.20	Conference Background Paper: <i>“Creating employment opportunities for young people in line with stability and growth objectives – Key Challenges for European policy makers”</i> Prof. Gabriel Amitsis, Presidency Conference Scientific Committee
10.20 – 10.40	<i>“Employment Package: Towards a job-rich recovery”</i> Mr Santiago Loranca-Garcia, Head of Unit: C1- European Employment Strategy, European Commission
10.40 – 11.00	<i>“Young people and NEETs in Europe: Policy challenges for those not in employment, education or training”</i> Mr Massimiliano Mascherini, Research Manager, Eurofound
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee break
11.20 – 11.40	<i>“Ways of tackling youth unemployment - Listen to the voice of Youth!”</i> Mr Luca Scarpiello, Vice President, European Youth Forum
11.40 – 12.00	<i>“Youth employment policies during the economic crisis”</i> Mrs Anna Stratinaki, Secretary General, Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Welfare, Greece
12.00 – 13.00	Discussion
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch Break at the Conference Venue - Halkos Restaurant



14.30 – 16.15

Workshops

CY media centre
Briefing room 1&2

Workshop 1:
Promoting quality youth employment trajectories during the economic crisis

CY media centre
Briefing room 3&4

Workshop 2:
Fostering youth employment by exploiting new job creation opportunities

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Workshop 3:
Developing activation principles within unemployment compensation schemes – The case for young people

16.15 – 16.45

Coffee break

PLENARY SESSION II

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Moderator: Mr Andreas Christou, Head of Employment Policies, **Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance, Cyprus**

16.45 – 17.15

Reports on the Conference Workshops

Workshop 1 - Mr Mik Woolley, **Chair of EMCO**

Workshop 2 - Prof. Gabriel Amitsis, **Presidency Conference Scientific Committee**

Workshop 3 - Mr Gregorio de Castro, Policy Officer, **European Commission**

17.15 – 17.30

Discussion – Closing of first day

17.30 – 18.00

Transportation from Filoxenia Conference Centre to hotels

18.45 – 20.00

Guided tour in the old town of Nicosia
(Buses will leave from hotels at 18:45)

20.00 – 23.00

Conference Dinner at Loxandra Restaurant (old town of Nicosia)
(transportation to the hotels)



Tuesday, 23 October 2012

7.30 – 8.30	Information Desk operational at each hotel
8.30 – 9.30	Transportation from hotels to Filoxenia Conference Centre Coffee

PLENARY SESSION III

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Moderator: Dr. Nikos Peristianis, President of the Executive Council, **University of Nicosia**

9.30 – 10.30	High level Policy Panel on “The role of social partners and civil society organizations in contemporary European youth employment policies” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Europe, Mr Polyvios Polyviou, Industrial Relations and Social Policy Officer, Cyprus Employers and Industrialists Federation (OEB)• European Trade Union Confederation, Mrs Elena Crasta, Policy Officer• European Social Platform, Mr Conny Reuter, President
10.30 – 11.00	Discussion
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break

PLENARY SESSION IV

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11.30 – 12.15	“The Cyprus approach to supporting youth employment” “Development and operation of University-Industry Liaison Offices in the Republic of Cyprus: Creating the future” Dr Gregory Makrides, Director of Research and IR, University of Cyprus “European Network on Youth Employment” Mr Alexandros Alexandrou, Head, Cyprus ESF Unit, Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance “The contribution of Cyprus PES in combating youth unemployment” Mr Andreas Christou, Head of Employment Policies, Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance, Cyprus
12.15 – 12.40	Conclusions - Official Closing of the Conference Mrs Sotiroula Charalambous, Minister of Labour and Social Insurance, Cyprus
12.40 – 13.00	Press Conference
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch at the Conference Venue - Halkos Restaurant
14.45 – 15.00	Transportation from Filoxenia Conference Centre to hotels



WORKSHOP SESSION

WORKSHOP 1: *Promoting quality youth employment trajectories during the economic crisis*

Moderator: Mr Mik Woolley, **Chair of EMCO**

1. *"Ensuring a smooth school-to-work transition for young people: The role of traineeships"*

Mrs Jessica Duran, Consultant, **IKEI Research & Consultancy, Spain**

2. *"Creating quality employment opportunities for young people"*

Mrs Susana Puerto Gonzalez, Manager, **Youth Employment Network**

3. *"Job placement and training of tertiary education graduates"*

Mr George Panayides, Director of Training, **Human Resource Development Authority, Cyprus**

Discussion

WORKSHOP 2: *Fostering youth employment by exploiting new job creation opportunities*

Moderator: Prof. Gabriel Amitsis, **Presidency Conference Scientific Committee**

1. *"Key principles and challenges of the EU Employment Package"*

Mr Santiago Loranca-Garcia, Head of Unit: C1-European Employment Strategy, **European Commission**

2. *"Supporting youth integration into the labour market via skills intelligence and vocational education and training"*

Mr Konstantinos Pouliakas, Expert, **Cedefop**

3. *"The role of youth employment policies as a means to social progress and solidarity in Europe"*

Prof. Anne Green, Institute for Employment Research, **University of Warwick, UK**

Discussion

WORKSHOP 3: *Developing activation principles within unemployment compensation schemes – The case for young people*

Moderator: Mr Gregorio de Castro, Policy Officer, **European Commission**

1. *"A new activation paradigm for young unemployment beneficiaries: European best practices"*

Mr Robert Anderson, Head of Unit, Living Conditions and Quality of Life, **Eurofound**

2. *"Vocational Guidance and Supporting measures for young unemployed"*

Dr Ulrich Walwei, Deputy Director, **Institute for Employment Research of the German Federal Employment Agency**

3. *"Career management skills and career guidance for young unemployed: Lessons from the European Lifelong Guidance Policy Network"*

Dr Raimo Vuorinen, Co-ordinator and Dr Deirdre Hughes, Lead Consultant, **European Lifelong Guidance Policy Network (ELGPN)**

4. *"The impact of ESF actions on active youth employment policies: Lessons from Greece"*

Dr Elias Kikilias, Head, **Manpower Employment Organisation, Greece**

Discussion

