

Annual Conference
Marriott City Centre Hotel, Bristol
Tuesday 18th May 2010
09.30-15.30
The EU: Lessons from the Continent

09.30 **Registration**

10.00 **Introduction**
John Savage
Chair, SW RESB

10.10 **New Skills for New Jobs: EU Commission**
Robert Strauss
Head of Unit

10.40 **Case Study 1 – Henriette Hansen: Denmark**

Engaging employers – cultural issues and governance:

The decentralized system in Denmark is a motivating factor for professional academies, colleges and adult vocational training centers to develop training offers that are based on regional and local needs. For decentralization to work properly it has to be built on a common culture characterized by trust, flexibility and economic mechanisms. Through this presentation, examples from Denmark will be shown on how employer and employee sides of skills can be better integrated into the supply side's offers and request's from national government.

11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.20 **Case Study 2 – Carolina Borraz: Spain**

Green-Jobs Programme

In a sustainable economic model, all jobs should be considered as sustainable as well, that is to say, jobs that being, from the economic point of view, profitable, have to be at the same time, fair and compatible with the preservation of the environment.

*The Biodiversity Foundation, depending from the Ministry of Environment, Rural and Marine Affairs, is one of the Spanish institutions managing European Social Fund, has launched a **Green-Jobs Programme**. This program consists on a group of instruments with the ultimate objective of creating more competitive and respectful economical resources with the environment, looking for new "green" employment deposits, placing Spain on the way to a new sustainable economy.*

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Case Study 3 – Alberto Merolla & Fiorenza Deriu: Italy

Urbact Programme – Active Age project-Managing Change: Impact of demographic ageing for cities:

The impact of demographic ageing differs from city to city and from region to region, but it will influence nearly every sphere of life: labour markets, housing markets, social security systems, infrastructures, urban/spatial planning, education, budgets and finances.

Partners in this network have highlighted the following common sub-themes that will form the basis of the transnational exchange:

- *Age and the economy (with particular reference to labour market participation of over 45 years old)*
- *Age and care (with particular reference to health problems and long term care for not self-sufficiency people)*
- *Age and insecurity (with particular reference to social inclusion)*

12.00

Lunch

12.50

Workshop Session 1

Fresh Tea and Coffee in Room

13.50

Workshop Session 2

14.40

Employment and Skills

Chris Humphries
CEO UKCES

15.20

Feedback and Next Steps

John Savage
Chair, SW RESB

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