

WorldSkills Leaders Forum
much more than just a conference



25th – 26th of May 2005

Helsinki, Finland



The Conference

The WorldSkills Leaders Forum 2005 is an event which:

- is on the way to becoming the definitive world forum for Technical and Vocational Education which links the premier international skills competition with policy and industry;
- offers life experience of vocational skills as a means for developing a TVET framework in a globalised world;
- provides a communication platform for all stakeholders, policy makers and practitioners of TVET

The Conference Objective

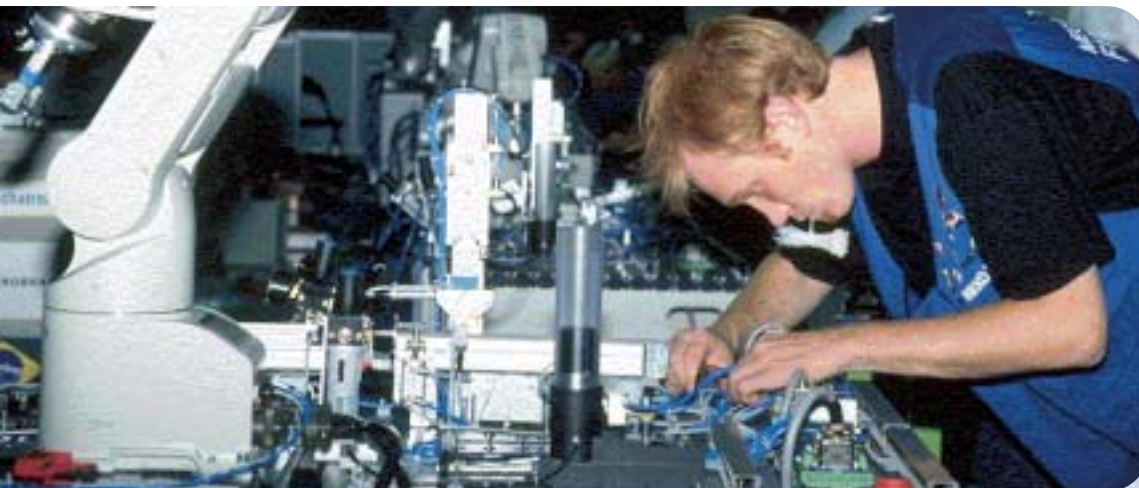
For delegates to learn new strategies and methods from the five Leaders Forum themes, and to build partnerships and networks focussing on specific aspects of TVET with representatives from all stakeholders.

Target Groups

- European Commission Representatives
- Government bodies and ministries from industrial and developing countries
- Non Government and Private Sector Representatives
- Labour Market Organisations (Chamber of Commerce Representatives)
- International institutions and training organisations: CEDEFOP, Ecosocial Forum of Europe, EFVET, ETF, GTZ, ILO, ISESCO, IVETA, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, TVE, UNESCO, UNEVOC, UNIDO
- Financial Institutions: ADB, AFDB, EBRD, IBRD, World Bank

The Themes

- Tackling the Challenges of Change and Global Competition
- Strategies for Bridging Technology and Skills Gaps
- Generating Wealth with Skills
- The Importance of Human Resources for Sustainable Development
- Transition from School to Work



The Language

All presentations, discussions, the Talk-Show and the Open Space Workshops will be held in ENGLISH

The Venue

Conference Hotel and Helsinki Fair Centre, HELSINKI, FINLAND

Conference Program

The draft program includes keynote addresses, a Talk-Show with selected participants and a moderator, and Open Space Workshops according to relevant TVET topics.



Event Framework

The Leaders Forum is embedded in the

- WorldSkills Competition, a biennial 4-day global vocational competition where over 700 young people compete in over 40 trades with roughly 180.000 visitors
- Global Skills Village, a dynamic mix of presentations; exhibits; industrial and educational partners illustrating best practices; demonstrations by WorldSkills member countries; and innovation and partnership models from TVET around the world.

International Hosts

- WorldSkills
- Skills Finland

WorldSkills Global Sponsor Partners

- CISCO (Cisco Systems, Inc. is the worldwide leader in networking for the Internet: www.cisco.com)
- FESTO (Festo is world leader in Industrial Automation and Control Technology: www.festo.com)
- FLUKE (Fluke Corporation is the world leader in the manufacture, distribution and service of electronic test and measurement tools: www.fluke.com)

Management, Organisation

KIST-Consulting-GesmbH in co-operation with the International hosts, www.worldskillsleadersforum.com

24th of May 2005

14:00	Registration
20:00	Welcome Reception - Hosted by Lord Mayoress Eva-Riitta Siitonen at the Town Hall, Helsinki

25th of May 2005

08:00	Registration
09:00	Official Opening Ceremony, Welcome Addresses
10:00	Break
10:15	Keynote Speakers
11:30	Coffee break
12:00	Discussion (Talk-Show with VIPs - representing all participants involved in TVET) Introduction to Open Space, Additional topics for Open Space
13:00	Lunch
14:30	Open Space Workshops
16:00	Coffee break
16:30	Presentation of the conclusion of the Open Space Workshops
19:00	Opening Ceremony of the 38th WorldSkills Competition
21:15	Reception

26th of May 2005

08:30	Press Conference
09:00	Welcome VIPs by WorldSkills President
09:30	Briefing Competition
10:00	Guided Tour of the Competition and Global Skills Village (11:00 Opening of the Global Skills Village for the public)
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Observation of the Opening of the Competition
12:00	Opening Ceremony of Global Skills Village by the President of WorldSkills, Patron, Minister of Education Finland
12:30	Observation of the Opening of the Competition
13:00	VIP-Lunch (Evaluation and Discussions of WorldSkills Leaders Forum)
14:00	End of official program



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