EESC Labour Market Observatory conference  
Monday 6th February 2012  
on the premises of Thermo Fisher Scientific  
Kamstrupvej 90, 4000 Roskilde, Denmark  

"From School to Work"

08.30 Registration and coffee

09.00 Welcome  
Krzysztof Pater, President, Labour Market Observatory (the European Economic and Social Committee, EESC)

09.05 Session 1 "Case study: The real value of apprenticeship programme"  
Moderator: Vladimíra Drbalová, EESC Member  
- Susanne Spang, HR Director, Thermo Fisher Scientific  
- Torben R. Strand, Site Manager, Thermo Fisher Scientific  
- Nicolai Munksgaard Asmussen, Gold medalist (bricklaying), World Skills Competition 2011  
- Kasper Panton, Electrical Contractor, Thermo Fisher Scientific  
- Martin Boalth Petersen, Lean Project Manager, Thermo Fisher Scientific  
- Linda Jørgensen, Apprentice, Thermo Fisher Scientific  
- Brian Schaefferbo, Toolmaker and Works Council Representative, Thermo Fisher Scientific  
Debate

10.30 Session 2 "Vocational education and training in EU and in Denmark seen from a labour market perspective"  
Moderator: Emilie Turunen, MEP  
- Hélène Clark, Director, DG Education and Culture, Directorate B, European Commission  
- Simon Field, Project Manager, OECD  
- Nikolaj Lubanski, Director, Metropolitan University College  
Debate

11.45 Lunch (at "Roskilde Tekniske Skole", bus transport provided)

13.30 Political session  
Moderator: Krzysztof Pater, President, Labour Market Observatory (EESC)  
- Staffan Nilsson, President, EESC  
- Christine Antorini, Minister for Children and Education, Denmark  
- Jørn Neergaard Larsen, Director General, Confederation of Danish Employers (DA)  
- Harald Børsting, President, Danish Trade Union Confederation (LO)  
Debate

14.45 Break

15.00 Session 3 "How can vocational education and training ease the transition from education to work, and meet labour market needs?"  
Moderator: Ask Abildgaard Andersen, EESC Member  
- Lone Folmer Berthelsen, Director of Vocational Education and Training, Confederation of Danish Industry (DI)  
- Jan Varchola, Policy Officer, DG Education and Culture, European Commission  
- Alex Stimpson, Expert, Cedefop  
Debate

16.15 Closing and conclusions

16.30 End