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## WELCOME



The benefits of vocational skills competitions are manifold and widely recognised. In many European countries special efforts are being made in order to utilize the competitions as a tool of developing vocational education and training, and excellent results have already been achieved. The purpose of this seminar is to exchange these experiences and to get new ideas for further co-operation.

The seminar will be organized by Skills Finland in cooperation with its' European partner organisations and is mainly targeted for vocational teachers, principals and representatives from working life and VET administration, as well as for all those interested in VET and skills competitions.

We warmly welcome you all, both from Finland and other countries to Kuopio and to participate in this seminar.

## PROGRAMME



- 9:00 Opening and Welcome  
Ms Eija Alhojärvi, Executive Director, Skills Finland  
Ms Jenny Shackleton, Head of Skills Development, UK Skills
- 9:20 Benefits of Skills Competitions  
Ms Seija Rasku, Councillor of Education, Ministry of Education and Culture, Vice President of Skills Finland
- 9:45 Actualizing Vocational Excellence  
Ph.D, Adjunct Professor, Mr Petri Nokelainen, University of Tampere
- 10:15 Promoting learning in the workplace: Expansive learning environments  
Dr Susan James, SKOPE, Department of Education, Oxford University
- 10:45 Good practices from the Skills World  
Ms Elisabeth Lange, Secretary General, WorldSkills Norway  
Mr Tônis Arvisto, Member of Management Board, Foundation Innove, Estonia  
Mr Hassan Ajakkaf, Coordinator for National Competitions, Skills Morocco  
Ms Leena-Maija Talikka, Project Manager, Skills Finland
- 11:35 Questions and discussion
- 12:00 Leonardo da Vinci - a European tool for innovative cooperation  
Mr Mika Saarinen, Head of Unit, Vocational Education and Training, Centre for International Mobility CIMO
- 12:30 Closing words