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## INNOTECS 2015 conference

The unprecedented high youth unemployment that we face today in many European countries underlines the need for urgent action. This has drawn decision makers' attention to the Technical sector due to its potential to promote the transition of young people from education to work. Effective VET systems contribute to better skill matching and competitiveness in the longer term with a significant economic impact.

A key issue in this respect is the integration of VET with the labour market and the wider education system. Future employees have to be willing to relocate (even abroad) or may be working with colleagues from other European countries.

At the moment, there is no international network for Technical VET schools to discuss these challenges, to share information in a sustainable way and to promote mutual trust and transparency in order to contribute to mobility and a better balance on the European labour market.

INNOTECS - International Network Of Technical Schools is such an international network and INNOTECS 2015 Conference is the first of a series of annual conferences promoted by the INNOTECS network to bring an integrated European dimension to Vocational Education and Training.

At INNOTECS 2015 Conference we will discuss the goals of the INNOTECS network and the benefits of the membership and we will exchange ideas about the specific needs and difficulties of the VET sector.

Join us on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015, 14:00-18:00, at the Asia Resort Hotel.

### Conference Venue:

The Asia Resort Hotel Akamas Ave, 8061 Paphos, Cyprus. Website: [www.azioresort.com](http://www.azioresort.com)

### Conference Programme

- 14.00-15.00 welcoming conference delegates
- 15.00-18.00 INNOTECS Conference
  - **The INNOTECS Network**, Richard van der Molen (President INNOTECS and Director of ROC Landstede, the Netherlands)
  - **Skills demand and VET in the EU**, Manuela Guimarães, (Project partner INNOTECS and Pedagogical Director Forave, Portugal)
  - **Integration of VET into Praxis**, Nuno Escudeiro (Project partner INNOTECS, Coordinator of Praxis Network, Portugal)
  - *Open discussion: opportunities and added value of INNOTECS*
- 20.00 EFVET reception <sup>1</sup>

### Conference Registration and costs

The conference is free of costs and includes the academic programme/coffee-tea facilities. (Travel costs and hotel are for your own expense).

Please register for the INNOTECS Conference sending your name and affiliation to: [nfe@isep.ipp.pt](mailto:nfe@isep.ipp.pt)

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<sup>1</sup> The reception is for EFVET members who take part in the EFVET Conference. The Annual INNOTECS conference is combined with the Annual EFVET-conference. Please find practical information to the EFVET conference and the registration forms at [http://efvet-conference.eu/index\\_photo.html](http://efvet-conference.eu/index_photo.html)