



## CONFERENCE 12<sup>th</sup> July, London, England

On the 30th floor of the Clifford Chance Canary Wharf Office and on an overcast London morning the Euro-iVET final conference: "Upskilling the Young Persons Vocational and Education Practitioner" took place. The conference included a key note speech from Stella Creasy MP and from sociologist Ilias El Hadioui (Erasmus University in Rotterdam), together with contributions from the project lead - 15billionebp - and project partners Rinova, Eurocircle, Folkuniversitetet, and Metropolisnet. The objective of the conference was to disseminate the project deliverables to a wider audience of practitioners and stakeholders.

The day was hosted by one of the world's pre-eminent law firms, Clifford Chance. 15billionebp work regularly with Clifford Chance on bespoke work-related learning programmes with London schools including Business Mentoring for

young people. This involves a series of face-to-face meetings, as well as regular e-mentoring contact. Students work through self-selected targets with the support and guidance of their Clifford Chance mentor.



The day began with an introduction by the 15billionebp Chief Executive, Ian Porter. Whilst many of the attendees were stakeholders who had been following the progress of the project for some time, there were

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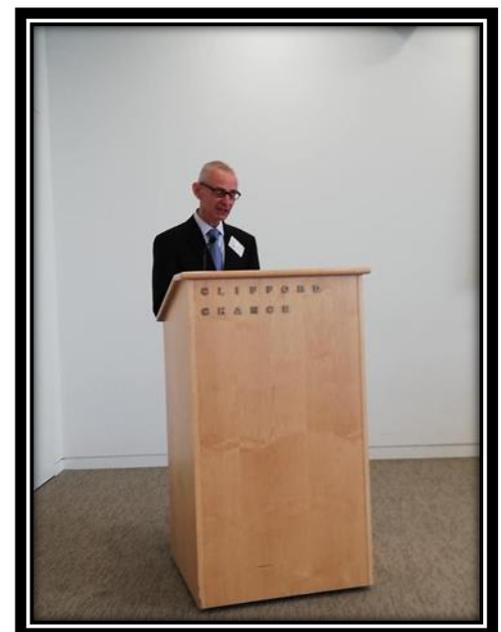


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also attendees who were unfamiliar with the project and keen to discover more. Ian touched on Ilias El Hadioui thesis "The Culture Clash", addressing the culture clash between young people and employers and the events of youth riots throughout Europe that led to the projects origins.



Ian introduced the key note speaker Labour MP Stella Creasy. Stella is the Member of Parliament for the London Borough of Walthamstow.



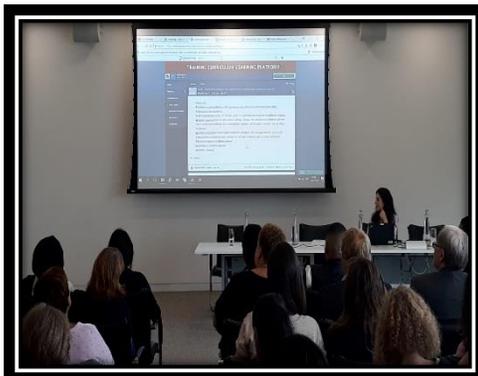
The aim of the Euro-iVET learning platform is to create a distance learning opportunity for practitioners for learning, knowledge exchange and inspiration.



In her speech she identified the diversity of London and how this should be celebrated, but also reminded us of the inequalities that exist and that our work is extremely important. Stella ended her speech with a reminder that we need to “recognise diversity within our young people as a resource, not a challenge”.



After the break, Iliass El Hadioui, whose theory underpinned the project, gave the second keynote address on his current research around the ‘Culture Clash’ and self efficacy for young people. Iliass took questions from the attendees leading to an interesting and stimulating debate. Attendees clearly welcomed the opportunity to discuss and share different perspectives on bridging the culture clash between young people and employers.



Lauren Holmes (15billionebp) and Pantea Saramolki (Folkuniversitetet) went on to introduce attendees to the online curriculum and explained how this tool will be used sustainably moving forward.



Attendees were invited to a networking lunch, after which the following areas were discussed: The Practitioner Network with H el ene Seigneur (Eurocircle), Different Perspectives with Anne-Marie Greenland and Nasreen Begum (15billionebp), and Practical Solutions with Lauren Holmes.



Monira Kerler and Reiner Aster (MetropolisNet) gave a presentation highlighting the Euro-iVET achievements and areas for future development. By way of practical example, Peter Winkels (Goldnetz), who had piloted the Euro-iVET curriculum, gave attendees a brief overview of his experience with the resource and recommendations for its implementation. The conference was brought to a close with conclusions and closing observations from Richard Parkes (Rinova).

The conference was a great success. The event was well attended and it succeeded in stimulating thought-provoking and enthusiastic discussion. A number of attendees approached project partners in order to enquire about implementing the training in their own organisation.

## Project Contact Information

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