

**DIRECTORATE FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS
EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

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THE 14TH SESSION OF THE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

19-20 November 2013

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Introduction

1. Written procedure using the e-mail, OLIS and the Education Committee Electronic Discussion Group (Clearspace) is a useful tool for:

- Engaging in dialogue and discussions between plenary sessions of the Committee to advance work quickly; and
- Ensuring that a maximum amount of time in the plenary sessions is devoted to a discussion of the content of work rather than process issues.

2. Periodically a document is tabled at a plenary session of the Education Policy Committee, listing items handled by written procedure. These items are incorporated into the subsequent Summary Record as an Annex.

3. In consequence, the Committee is invited to **NOTE** the following items which will be included as an Annex to the Summary Record of the 14th Session of the Education Policy Committee.

OECD Reviews of Vocational Education and Training, A Skills beyond School Review of Germany
(posted on Clearspace on 14 May 2013)

4. No objections were received to the publication on the website: www.oecd.org/education/vet.

OECD Reviews of Vocational Education and Training, A Skills beyond School Review of the United States
(posted on Clearspace on 23 May 2013)

5. No objections were received to the publication on the website: www.oecd.org/education/vet.

Draft EDPC Participation Plan (Global Relations Strategy) (posted on Clearspace on 13 June 2013)

6. The Committee was invited to approve the Draft EDPC Participation Plan [[EDU/EDPC\(2013\)15](#)]. Based on the EDPC Global Relations Strategy [[EDU/EDPC\(2012\)37](#)], the Plan lists specific partners and shows how EDPC is engaging with each in the context of the 2013-14 PWB. In most cases, the Plan captures engagement that EDPC has already approved. However, it also included two new requests: *i)* to approve Costa Rica's request for "Participant" status in the GNE on Vocational Education and Training; *ii)* to approve the proposed list of "Invitees" that can be invited to specific meetings or agenda items on an ad hoc basis. No comments were received by the deadline of 24 June 2013, and the Plan was approved and transmitted to the OECD External Relations Committee, which approved the Plan on 16 September 2013. The External Relations Committee in turn transmitted the Plan to the OECD Council, which approved the Plan on 19 September 2013.

Participation of Libya in the Informal Ministerial Meeting in Istanbul 2-3 October 2013 (posted on Clearspace on 7 August 2013)

7. At the request of Turkey, as host of the meeting, the Committee was invited to approve the invitation of Libya to participate in the Ministerial meeting. No objections were received by the deadline of 12 September 2013, and Libya was invited to the meeting.

OECD Reviews of Vocational Education and Training, A Skills beyond School Review of England (posted on Clearspace on 16 August 2013)

8. No objections were received to the publication on the website: www.oecd.org/education/vet.

Mandate renewal Board of Participating Countries of the Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) (posted on Clearspace on 31 October 2013)

9. The Committee was called upon to renew the mandates for any of its subsidiary bodies which are due to expire on 31 December 2013. This is the case for the Board of Participating Countries of the Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS). The first step in this process was the approval of the Draft Mandates by the subsidiary body itself. This was completed on 8 November 2012 [doc. ref. [EDU/INES/TALIS/M\(2012\)2](#)]. It was proposed that the Education Policy Committee approve the subsidiary body mandate for the Board of Participating Countries of the Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS). The deadline for comments is 18 November 2013. On the date this document was issued no comments had yet been received. Should comments or objections be received before the deadline, then approval will be sought at the 14th session of the EDPC on 19-20 November 2013.