



## Conference

**20 November 2014, 14.00 – 16.30**

Committee of the Regions, Brussels, VMA1

# Forecasting and delivering skills at regional level

Local stakeholders are increasingly active in reducing the skills mismatch in their region. Youth employment has more than ever illustrated a need for such action. But what is the best way to identify and deliver the skills that the local economy needs? Forecasting skills on a regional level can help local authorities to develop a strategic approach to education and training. Creating local skills partnerships is important to successfully implement these strategies. Developing vocational skills through a combination of school-based and work-based learning and training can help small businesses to equip future employees with the skills and competences they need to grow.

## PROGRAMME

- 13:30-14:00      **Registration**
- 14:00-14:20      **Welcome message by:**
- Michel Lebrun, President of the Committee of the Regions
  - Dr Richard Weber, President of EUROCHAMBRES
- 14:20-16:20      **Panel discussion**  
*Moderated by Arnaldo Abruzzini, Secretary General of EUROCHAMBRES*
- Best practice: regional skills forecasting
- Friedrich Brieger, Responsible for regional skills forecasting at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Berlin, Germany
- Best practice: local skills network
- Josep Prats, Managing Director of the Chamber of Terrassa, Spain
- Discussants:
- Michael Horgan, Policy Officer Skills for Skills Strategies; Skills Anticipation and Forecast at DG Employment
  - Flavia Buiarelli, EARLALL business manager
- 16:20-16:30      **Concluding remarks by:**
- Jean-François Istasse, Vice-president of the EDUC commission of the CoR