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**GREEK TELEVISION THREE**

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**European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training**

**EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT**

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International Center for the Development of Vocational Training. The first European organization that was established in Greece. Just a couple of kilometers away from Thessaloniki, the war against unemployment finds its best ally.

**Stavros Stavrou, CEDEFOP Deputy Director**

*“CEDEFOP aims at supporting the European Commission and the European Union in general in developing and materializing a coherent policy for training and education”*

Promoting employment is an important bet for the European Union. And the expectations from training have risen as well.

**Manfred Tessaring, Researcher, expert in issues concerning European Training**

*“ Nobody can guarantee for you a working place. This difficulty is to be met nowadays in all European countries. We have to aim at more long-term objectives for our education. We should not judge things only by the present condition, but we should think how things will be after 2,3, or 5 years. And we all hope that things will be better at that time ”*

**Stavros Stavrou:**

*“Training could contribute in decreasing the rates of unemployment to the extent that no more will there be non-conformity between supply and demand for work”.*

**(Standup) Report: Georgia Lotsopoulou**

*“Here, in Thermi, in a place of 8,5 thousand square meters, 120 employees who come from all the European countries are selecting, gathering, analyzing data and distributing useful information concerning training”*

The enlargement of the European Union with ten new members involves new, enlarged responsibilities for the European Center for the Development of Vocational Training.

**Dina Bertzeletou (00.17.08): Expert for training issues.**

*“We have to get more employees, new colleagues from the countries- members. They will have to familiarize themselves as soon as possible with the work we are doing and to obtain a community aquis. On the other hand we will have to learn many things from them. The enlargement will bring a great change at all levels”.*

**Stavros Stavrou:**

*“Along with the European Training Institute of Torino we have undertaken an effort in order to familiarize the ten candidates with the so-called community aquis, as far as training and education are concerned. And this familiarization aims at integrating these countries gradually in the current activities of the center”.*

CEDEFOP plays an important role in the framework of the initiatives of the Greek Presidency for coping with the issue of immigration.

**Stavros Stavrou**

*“The issue of the immigrants is related directly with education and training, as far as the recognition of some degrees is concerned. The degrees of some immigrants are not recognized in some countries- members or by their services. Moreover, some immigrants have some special professional skills that cannot be proven officially. They have been obtained by working, away from school, outside the educational system”*

One of the most attractive departments of CEDEFOP is the library. The interested will find there more than 43 thousand bibliographic references on the issues of training around all the European countries.

**Danai Maria Kosmidou- librarian**

*“We are presenting comparative reports on the streams that characterize the job market and the kinds of training that each country provides”.*

Many of the publications of CEDEFOP are provided for free through on-line connection with the users of the European Training Village. What is most interesting on the page is the presentation of the model of the European CV, as accepted in all the countries of the European Union. The visitor of the site can find it on the address [www.cedefop.eu.int](http://www.cedefop.eu.int)

