

International Organisations

- **Committee of the Regions**

“The Committee of the Regions (CoR) is the political assembly that provides local and regional authorities with a voice at the heart of the European Union.” Read more: <http://www.cor.europa.eu/>

- **Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities**

“The Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities has the task of contributing to the development of a modern, innovative and sustainable European Social Model with more and better jobs in an inclusive society based on equal opportunities.” Read more: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/employment_social/index_en.htm

- **European Economic and Social Committee**

“The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) is a consultative body that gives representatives of Europe's socio-occupational interest groups, and others, a formal platform to express their points of views on EU issues. Its opinions are forwarded to the larger institutions - the Council, the Commission and the European Parliament.” Read more: http://eesc.europa.eu/organisation/how/index_en.asp

- **EURES**

“The purpose of EURES is to provide information, advice and recruitment / placement (job-matching) services for the benefit of workers and employers as well as any citizen wishing to benefit from the principle of the free movement of persons. Set up in 1993, EURES is a co-operation network between the European Commission and the Public Employment Services of the EEA Member States (the EU countries plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and other partner organisations. Switzerland also takes part in EURES co-operation.” Read more: <http://ec.europa.eu/eures/home.jsp?lang=en>

- **Eurofound**

“The Foundation is a European Union body, one of the first to be established to work in specialised areas of EU policy. Specifically, it was set up by the European Council (...), to contribute to the planning and design of better living and working conditions in Europe.” Read more: <http://eurofound.europa.eu/about/index.htm>

- **European Employment Strategy**

“At the Lisbon European Council (March 2000), the European Union set itself a new strategic goal for the next decade: to become the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world, capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion. The strategy was designed to enable the Union to regain the conditions for full employment and to strengthen cohesion by 2010.” Read more: http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/employment_strategy/index_en.htm#ees

- **European Employment Observatory**

“The European Employment Observatory (EEO) contributes to the development of the European Employment Strategy through the provision of information, comparative research and evaluation on employment policies and labour market trends in the countries covered by the EEO.” Read more: <http://www.eu-employment-observatory.net/index.aspx>

- **Eurostat**

“Eurostat is the Statistical Office of the European Communities. Its task is to provide the European Union with statistics at European level. By harmonising statistics from the European statistical system (ESS) to a single methodology, the statistics are made comparable.” Read more: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1090,1&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

- **FreQueNz**

“FreQueNz is a research network sponsored by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research in which various institutes and institutions contribute to the early identification of qualification needs.” Read more: <http://www.frequenz.net/>

- **Mutual Learning Programme**

“The Mutual Learning Programme was launched at the beginning of 2005 and incorporates the former Peer Review Programme (launched in 1999). Its main objectives are to encourage mutual learning at all levels and to enhance the transferability of the most effective policies within key areas of the European Employment Strategy.” Read more: <http://www.mutual-learning-employment.net/>

- **Skillsnet**

“The Skillsnet brings together highly qualified researchers and other stakeholders from across the world to present and discuss outcomes and methods of research and analysis on new and changing skill needs as well as medium to longer-term prospects of skills available in the labour market.” Read more: http://www.trainingvillage.gr/etv/Projects_Networks/skillsnet/