

About the CEC:

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CEC through its member organizations develops initiatives designed to support youth in difficulty throughout their integration pathway that can be summarized into 4 phases: rehabilitation, training, integration, accompaniment towards and into the labour market.

To better meet the needs of the market and to assist groups in difficulty develop the necessary skills for employment, the CEC works in the logic of a partnership multiplying contacts with the national and European social partners and the private sector.

As a European network, CEC effectively supports the dissemination of its project results and policy initiatives through multiple channels including its website, e-newsletters, European Seminars held in Belgium annually and involving the European Institutions and European Social Partners, contacts via its members with public authorities and policy makers from approximately 30 different regions in Europe.

It has developed partnerships with other active European networks such as CSR - Europe, promoting the values of corporate social responsibility in the EU member states. CSR-Europe is the most important network of companies in Europe whose strategy incorporates the principles of Corporate Social Responsibility and is a respected advisor to EU institutions. CEC also collaborates with the European Vocational Training Association (EVTA), the organization whose members include national and regional public employment and training providers in the EU.

CEC participates in the think tank "Centre Européen du Travail" whose members include European Commission Officials, former Advisers of ETUC- Belgian Trade Unions, Officials of the Belgian Employment Ministry and non-for-profit sector representatives. This think tank will use and disseminate the project outputs among MEPs and other European Institutions to improve the involvement of social enterprises and other initiatives in waste management and renewable energies and promote recognition tools and re-and up-skilling of low-skilled youth and adults.

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Jean Lapeyre, since 2010 CEC Vice Chairman, Editor of the news weekly « Syndicalisme Hebdo CFDT » (1981-1986) Elected Confederal Secretary of ETUC in Brussels in 1986 then Deputy General Secretary (1991-2003) in charge of the Social Dialogue. Social Advisor at the french Embassy in Rome (2003-2007) Special Adviser of the General Secretary of the European Economic and Social Committee (2007-2009) In charge for Syndex Professor at the European College of Natolin (Poland) since 1999 in charge of a seminar on the role of the Social Partners in the European Union. Former member of the Conseil de l'Emploi, des Revenus et de la Cohésion Sociale-CERC (Fr) and former member of the board of Directors d'Arcelor (2002-2003).