The European Journal on Vocational Training

A call for articles

The European Journal for Vocational Training journal is looking to publish articles from researchers and specialists in vocational education and training and employment. Researchers and specialists who want to bring the results of high-quality research, in particular comparative transnational research, to the attention of a wide audience of policymakers, researchers and practitioners in many different countries.

The European Journal is an independent and refereed publication. It is published three times a year in Spanish, German, English, French and Portuguese and enjoys a wide circulation throughout Europe both within the Member States of the European Union and beyond.

The journal is published by Cedefop (the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training) and aims to contribute to debate on the development of vocational education and training, in particular by introducing a European perspective. The journal is looking to publish articles which set out ideas, report on research results, and which report on experience at national and European level. It also publishes position papers and reaction statements on issues in the field of vocational education and training.

Articles submitted to the journal must be precise, yet accessible to a wide and diverse readership. They must be clear in order to be understood by readers from different backgrounds and cultures, not necessarily familiar with the vocational education and training systems of different countries. Readers should be able to understand clearly the context and consider the arguments put forward in the light of their own traditions and experience.

In addition to being published, extracts of the journal are placed on the Internet. Extracts from past issues can be viewed on:

http://www2.trainingvillage.gr/etv/publication/publications.asp?section=18.

Authors can write either in a personal capacity, or as the representative of an organisation. Articles should be around 2,000 to 4,000 words in length and can be written in one of the 26 following languages: the 20 official EU languages (*Spanish, Czech, Danish, German, Estonian, Greek, English, French, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Maltese, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Slovak, Slovenian, Finnish and Swedish*), the languages of the two associated countries (*Icelandic and Norwegian*), and the official languages of the candidate countries (*Bulgarian, Croatian, Romanian and Turkish*).

Articles should be sent to Cedefop as a Word attachment by e-mail, accompanied by **brief biographical details** of the author outlining the current position held, an **abstract for the table of contents** (45 words maximum), a **summary** (100 to 150 words) and 6 **key words** in English non-present in the title and chosen in the European Thesaurus on training.

All articles are reviewed by the Journal's Editorial Committee which reserves the right to decide on publication. Authors will be informed of its decision. Articles do not have to reflect the position of Cedefop. Rather, the Journal provides the opportunity to present different analyses and various – even contradictory – points of view.

If you would like to submit an article, the editor Éric Fries Guggenheim can be contacted by e-mail on: <u>efg@cedefop.eu.int</u>, or by telephone on (30) 23 10 49 01 11, or fax on (30) 23 10 49 01 17.

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FORMAT FOR ARTICLES SUBMITTED

TO THE EUROPEAN JOURNAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING

The European Journal is an independent and refereed publication for researchers, policy makers, practitioners and social partners. Its aim is to inform the debate on vocational training in Europe.

Any article relating to vocational training, the relationship between training and employment and learning and work is of potential interest to the Journal. Articles concerning Member States and regions of the European Union, the European Economic Area and candidate countries are also of interest. Articles relating more generally to vocational education and training issues outside the European Union could also be considered by the Editorial Committee, depending on interest in the article and issues.

The Editorial Committee especially values comparative transnational research, including national or regional European analyses. Authors are reminded that the Journal is published in 5 languages and read throughout Europe. Articles debating local or national issues must always be written so as to be understood by a wide audience. Even though readers are vocational training and education specialists, national cultures differ widely. In particular, symbols and abbreviations must be clearly defined. National systems relating to vocational education and training issues must not be considered as evident and well-known but must be detailed clearly when referred to.

The articles submitted for review to the Editorial Committee for possible publication in the European Journal must follow the format detailed below. Those that do not will be refused prior to submission to the Committee, and articles will be returned to authors without review.

- ♦ Number of pages: between 7 and 14 A4 pages in Times New Roman 12, footnotes in Times New Roman 10, single line spacing
- Number of characters: between 15,000 and 35,000 characters including footnotes and endnotes
- Number of words: between 2,000 and 4,000 words, including footnotes and endnotes
- Summary for the table of contents: 45 words maximum
- ♦ Abstract: 100 to 150 words
- Key words: 6 words in English non-present in the title and chosen in the European thesaurus on training¹. The guidelines for indexing Cedefop documents using the Thesaurus will be found at the address :

<u>http://libserver.cedefop.eu.int/vetelib/eu/pub/cedefop/internal/indexing%20manual%20EN.pdf</u> And the European thesaurus on training will be found at the address: <u>http://libserver.cedefop.eu.int/vetelib/eu/pub/cedefop/internal/ETT.pdf</u>

- Title: 9 words at most, giving a clear overall picture of the article content and as far as possible, context and methodology
- Bibliographical references must also be cited in the main body of the text
- Bibliography, tables and figures must follow the presentation required by Cedefop, as indicated at the address:

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- Readable, structured text: Introduction Main body of the text: a number of logically structured parts clearly presented in the introduction Conclusion
- Author classifies article by type:
 - research;
 - analysis of policy developments;
 - case study.
- If the article is a research article it should also include:
 - Methodology used;
 - Theoretical framework of reference.
- Language: articles by authors from within the European Union should as far as possible be written in the author's mother tongue, i.e. in one of the 26 following languages:
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 - The languages of the two associated countries: Icelandic and Norwegian.
 - The official languages of the candidate countries: Bulgarian, Croatian, Romanian and Turkish.