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Events including round table discussions and an open day were organised in Cyprus, during the European vocational skills week of 5 to 9 December 2016.

A round table discussion took place on 6 December at the premises of the Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus (HRDA). Entitled Vocational skills in the new era the discussion featured opening speeches from the labour minister, the head of representation of the European Commission in Cyprus and the chairman of the HRDA board of directors. The main speaker was Mr George Kostakis, expert at the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop). VET stakeholders, including the social partners, also presented their views and discussed future skill needs, promoting the acquisition of necessary skills, the important role of work-based learning, and finalisation of the national qualifications framework of Cyprus.

The next day was open day at the HRDA premises. Here the public had the opportunity to learn about the various HRDA training schemes, the assessment and certification of training providers, and the vocational qualifications system, as well as the results of research studies on anticipating skill needs.

The vocational skills week ended with an event hosted by the education ministry. Jointly organised with the labour ministry and the representation of the European Commission in Cyprus, the event was entitled The European Union, Cyprus and the new generation – find your talent! The education and labour ministers, along with the Head of Representation of the European Commission in Cyprus, opened the round table discussion, which involved Members of the Parliament and VET stakeholders, on measures needed to tackle youth unemployment and increase youth employability.

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