

## FIEC becomes Associate Member of “WorldSkills Europe”

FIEC has become an Associate Member of “WorldSkills Europe”, an association which promotes excellence in the field of skills and competence development across the EU.

*“Promoting the development of skills and attracting and maintaining people within our industry is a key priority for FIEC. We believe that the competitions organised by “WorldSkills Europe” are an excellent instrument for achieving these goals”* commented FIEC President Luisa Todini.

“WorldSkills Europe” organises the “EuroSkills” event once every 2 years in one of the EU member States. It is a spectacular competition centred on the professional performance of hundreds of young talents selected in their home countries. The main objective is, on the one hand, to use this competition to help the EU and its member States to raise skills standards whilst, on the other, to increase awareness of the importance of skills and vocational education/training for EU economies and societies.

**“EuroSkills 2012”** will take place in Spa-Francorchamps (BE) on **4-6 October 2012**. Over 3 days of competition, more than 450 young people from all over Europe will compete against each other in more than 40 different professions. More than 40.000 visitors are expected ([www.euroskills2012.be](http://www.euroskills2012.be)).

*“Young people across the EU are facing unacceptable high unemployment rates and at the same time many of our companies are confronted with a lack of skilled workers. We have to do our utmost to invert these trends”* concluded Luisa Todini.

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