

**Question for written answer E-009748/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training and European Training Foundation

The European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) was founded in 1975, is based in Thessaloniki in Greece, and has a budget of EUR 17.9 million. Its role is 'to assist the Commission in promoting and developing vocational and continuing training at the European Union (EU) level'.

The European Training Foundation (ETF) was founded in 1990, is based in Turin in Italy, and has a budget of EUR 20.1 million. Its role is 'to contribute to the development of vocational training systems by strengthening cooperation in this field'.

1. Given that the two agencies are both tasked with the development of vocational training, can the Commission explain why it has two agencies for the same purpose?
2. Does the Commission intend to abolish or merge these agencies and consolidate them at a single site so that necessary savings can be made?