

INVITATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The 8th International Conference and Workshop on
Explosive Education and Certification of Skills
Arlanda, Sweden, 13th and 14th June 2017



The EUExcert Association and the EUExImp partners are pleased to invite you to participate in the 8th International Conference on Explosive Education and Certification of Skills, to be held at Arlanda, Sweden at Best Western Arlanda Hotellby, on 13 to 14 June 2017.

Objectives and targets

The overall objectives of the conference are to contribute to the harmonization of training and qualification of personnel in the explosives sector, for the development of a transferable certificate of Explosive Competences, through the discussion and sharing of knowledge, as well as experiences on the training and procedure of accreditation of individual competencies. The conference addresses all people occupied and active in the sector of explosives (explosives, propellants and pyrotechnics) from Governmental Agencies, Education Institutions, Employers and Employees Societies, Public and Private Companies in the Civil and Military areas.

Background

The manufacture and use of explosives, propellants and pyrotechnics underpins a significant part of the European Union economic and industrial activity. An understanding of explosives science and technology and the competence to harness it is central to maintaining European explosives capability, national security and in sustaining a competitive European industry. Much of EU safety legislation calls for “competent people” in roles that affect safety. In the case of explosives, this will be in all stages of the explosives life-cycle, from the formulation of new explosives in the laboratory, through manufacture, storage, transportation, use and disposal. In 2002 the Copenhagen Declaration set up steps to improve transparency in competences and qualifications in vocational education, cooperation, mobility schemes, and integrated programs of study,

training research. In 2003 Sweden, United Kingdom, Norway, Finland and Italy started the pilot project EUExcert within the Leonardo Da Vinci programme to develop a comprehensive framework which describes and categorises the competences of all workers engaged in the manufacture or use of explosives. Later Germany, Portugal, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Latvia and EFEE joined the project. In 2008 by recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) for Lifelong Learning was established. In 2008 EUExcert programme was expanded and a network was formed as EUExNet. In 2011 the European organisation "EUExcert Association" was founded to ensure the development of an organisation that can be responsible for continuing the work to develop a common European framework for competencies and setting up standards for learning outcomes and certification of education and training. National nodes have been established in ten European nations and more nations worldwide are keen to join the network to exchange and learn from best practice.

In 2014 a new project started - EUExImp (European Explosives sector implementation of occupational standards). This Conference will focus and discuss topics which are related to this project.

Main Topics

Competences in explosives
The assessment of competences in explosives
Implementation of Occupational Standards
Education and vocational training in the explosives sector

Abstract submission

The authors are expected to present their papers orally. Opportunities to make poster presentation will be provided if asked for. Papers and posters will be reviewed on the basis of an extended abstract of not more than two pages (maximum 800 words), with optional figures and tables together with exact title and author(s) and affiliation. After notification of acceptance, please forward final versions of papers according to deadlines by email to erik.nilsson@kcem.se . Papers and abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings and distributed to the participants on registration at the conference site.

Submission of abstracts to

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Deadlines

Abstract submission: 28th of February, 2017
Notification of acceptance: 15th of March, 2017
Final submission of full papers: 15th of May, 2017
Registration ends: 12th of May, 2017

Conference language

English

Registration fee

Participants: 195:- EUR

Speakers: No fee

Registration fee includes

Participation in the Conference, conference proceedings, full papers, coffee breaks and lunch on the 13th and 14th of June 2017 and Conference dinner on the 13th of June 2017.

Cancellation policy

The full conference fee will be refunded if participation is cancelled before 1st of May 2017

Conference registration

Registration form will be available on the conference website

<http://www.euexcrt.org/Conference.htm>

Full programme

The full programme is expected to be available on the EUExcrt website by 15th March 2017

Conference committee

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Key note speaker

Mark Hardman

Chairman of the SSSG (Sector Skills Strategy Group) in UK

Managing Director Roxel UK

Accommodation

A preliminary reservation of Rooms have been done at Best Western Arlanda Hotellby at a special rate. The Reservation code is **8ICEECS**. Booking can be made directly by e-mail to bokning@arlandahotellby.se or phone +46 8 597 897 10. The Booking must be done before 13th of May to get the special rate.

The room reservations are to be made directly with the hotel.

Transfer from Arlanda Airport

A shuttle bus arrives at bus stop 11 outside terminal 2, 4 and arrivals at terminal 5.

The shuttle bus is free of charge.

There are two Best Western Hotels at Arlanda. The second stop is Arlanda Hotellby.

The hotels web page: <http://www.arlandahotellby.se/index.aspx?languageID=5>.