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Session Two:
Improving working conditions: contribution to active ageing

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LEARNING, SUPPORTING ACTIVE AGEING
Evidence from Eurostat and Isfol-INDACO surveys

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LLL plays a central role in promoting active ageing

- Relation between investment in human capital and deferred returns (Becker, Hashimoto)
- Investment in education and training not only during an initial period but also later in life or lifelong learning
- Depreciation of human capital over time, obsolescence of skills, maintenance of skills

- Demographic trends make it necessary for individuals to work longer and adapt to change.
- LLL allows people to maintain high levels of participation in economic and social life. Access to learning activities is essential when working life is extended. However, despite the increasing need for learning later in life, participation and access to learning decrease with age.

- How is it possible to improve access to learning for older workers?
LLL, competencies and active ageing: key issues

**Maintenance of skills, Adapting to change**
- Economic and social participation
- Adaptation to / acquisition of targeted skills to the workplace context
- Improvement of employability of older people through better skills
- Enhancement of the aged population
- Improvement of working conditions

**Which competencies for active ageing?**
- Competencies for work / for life

**Demographic trends and the possibility of skills mismatch**

**The decline of skills?**
Age gap in education and training participation in EU

Source: Eurostat (LFS)
Age & Gender gap in training participation in EU

Source: Eurostat (LFS)
Age gap in participation and intensity of learning

An increase of 10% in training hours generates an increase in productivity of EUR 7,900 per worker

Source: Eurostat (AES)

[Investimenti in formazione e performance aziendali http://sbnlo2.cilea.it/bw5ne2/opac.aspx?WEB=ISFL]
Participation in learning in Italy
INDACO-Adults survey

Participation in education and training in Italy by type of training and age groups, 2011 - %

Age gap in education and training in Italy by type of training and gender, 2011 - %

Source: Isfol (INDACO-Adults 2011)
Participation in learning by employment status in Italy
INDACO-Adults survey

Source: Isfol (INDACO-Adults 2011)
Age gap by Learning Activities in Italy

Participation in Non Formal training in Italy by type of training and age groups, 2011 - %

Source: Isfol (INDACO-Adults 2011)

Participation in Informal learning in Italy by type of training and age groups, 2011 - %

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Classification of Learning Activities
Age gap in NF training: Fields of Training in Italy
INDACO-Adults / Enterprises & CVTS surveys

More Computing, Services, Humanities and Arts
Less foreign languages and work related contents

Source: Isfol (INDACO-Adults 2011)

Percentage of employees participating in CVT courses offered by the enterprises in Italy (Participation and access), by age groups, 2005 and 2009 - %

Source: Isfol (INDACO / CVTS 2009 – CVTS3)

Source: Eurostat (CVTS3), Isfol (INDACO-CVTS)
The probability of non-participation in training by employment status and age (18-54, 54-65) in Italy

INDACO-Adults survey

**Lower probability for individuals:**
- Women, with children
- Not employed
- Aged over 54
- ISCED 0-2
- Not sought information on training
- Do not know a foreign language

Aged 18-54 always have probability values lower than over 55

The probability of not being trained increases with age, especially for unemployed and inactive people…
Over 54 not in employment are about 7 times less likely to participate in training.

Source: Isfol (INDACO-Adults 2011)
Benefits of participation in training among the Italian employees (aged 55-64), 2011

Motivations and material benefits of participation

Source: Isfol (INDACO-Adults 2011)

- To enhance personal relationships
- To increase of knowledge/skills on a topic of interest
- To get knowledge/skills useful in daily-life
- To obtain a certificate
- To find / change jobs
- To start a own businesses

Motivations and benefits

FOR PERSONAL REASONS

MOTIVATIONS
BENEFITS

Maintenance of the job/reduction of the risk of losing customers
Internal mobility (changing of role/task in job)
Wage increase
Vertical mobility (career prospects) / extension of the activity
External mobility (changing a job/profession)
Conclusions

• The role of learning in support of active ageing and for the achievement of objectives related to labour market
• The quality of work supports the development of skills as well as LLL and skills support the quality of work
• Training produces an increase in productivity of labour
• There is a widespread age gap in participation in learning and a higher probability of not being trained for older people
• The benefits of learning adds quality to the work and life

Key issues:
• Increasing participation and access to learning to develop skills and labour productivity
• Increasing awareness of the benefits of learning
• A working environment in support of skills: the different forms of learning, the work organization
Thanks for your attention

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