

EUROPEAN VOCATIONAL SKILLS WEEK 2022

Sign up for the 6th European Vocational Skills Week 16-20 May!



Mark your calendar for the 6th edition of the European Vocational Skills Week (the Week), returning as a virtual event **16-20 May**. Discover the inspiring programme of events on the [Week's digital hub](#) and register your attendance today.

The European Commission is hosting the Week in cooperation with the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The focus is on the theme of vocational education and training (VET) and the Green Transition, exploring what skills are needed on the road to the green economy.

Join the conversation on how VET can best equip people with the necessary green skills to benefit from the opportunities brought by the [European Green Deal](#) for a climate-neutral Europe by 2050.

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VET Excellence Awards: It's time to vote

Online voting has opened for the 2022 VET Excellence Awards. Cast your ballot for your favourite VET nominees who have shown dedication and excellence this year.

You have until 15 May to vote. The winners will be announced on 18 May during the European Commission Conference.

[Vote now](#)

Link your VET event to the Week!

Are you hosting your own VET event before, during or after the Week? Why not link your event to the Week? Find out how you can benefit from cross-promotion opportunities and several communication toolkits available by linking your event or activity to the Week. Become an official partner. Discover the benefits of linking your event to the Week.

[Register your event here](#)

Share your VET story

Do you have an inspiring VET story to share with others? **Share your VET story** and inspire others to embark on their own VET journey. Check out the remarkable [VET stories](#) people of all ages have shared on the Week website. Each story is unique. Every story showcases the many and varied benefits of VET for people of all ages and backgrounds. You can make a difference in someone's life by relating your own experience.

[Share your story](#)

New Cedefop podcast: Jobs for refugees in the face of the Ukrainian crisis

What can be done so that refugees can relocate and find employment within the European Union based on their skills? What are the difficulties faced by the millions of people fleeing the war in Ukraine?

Find out in [Episode 4](#) of Cedefop's Skillset and Match podcast series.

[Check it out](#)

Commissioner Schmit visits ESF-funded projects in Romania supporting refugees from Ukraine



European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights Nicolas Schmit in early April visited [European Social Fund \(ESF\)](#) projects in Romania that are providing support to refugees fleeing Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Commissioner Schmit praised their dedicated efforts towards enabling refugees to enter the labour market and integrate into society.

[Read more](#)

New EU skills profile tool translated into Ukrainian

To help Ukrainian refugees fleeing Russia's invasion, the European Commission has published a Ukrainian version of the EU Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals. The Tool helps them map their skills and other opportunities. It also contributes to making skills and qualifications from Ukrainians more easily recognised across the EU.

[Read more](#)

European Year of Youth: Launch of renewed European Apprentices Network

A revamped European Apprentices Network (EAN) has been created to give a renewed impetus to the promotion of apprenticeships and the engagement of young people. The European Commission launched the new EAN in Barcelona on 24 March in the context of the event ['The voice of apprentices in the European Year of Youth 2022'](#), organised by the European Commission, the regional government of Catalonia and the Bertelsmann Foundation.

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Ireland's Youthreach centre welcomes Commissioner Schmit



Commissioner Nicolas Schmit visited the transformative Youthreach Clondakin centre near Dublin. This award-winning ESF-funded project helps young people who left school early bounce back and take their first successful steps toward employment. The Commissioner was joined by Ireland's Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Simon Harris, as well as Dervila Tawmley, Head of the ESF Managing Authority in Ireland.

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Alliance for YOUTH Event - Readiness now!

11 May 2022, 13:00 - 14:30 CET
Residence Palace, Brussels

It is our pleasure to invite you to an event organised by the Alliance for YOUTH on 11 May 2022 from 13:00 to 14:30 CET. This event will be attended by European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights Nicolas Schmit, Members of the European Parliament, and high-level executives from Alliance for YOUTH partner companies.

Join us for an insightful session to gain perspective on youth's readiness for the jobs of today and of the future, with particular focus on digitalisation, green skills and entrepreneurship. Let's discuss how the Alliance for YOUTH and the European Union are creating an environment that equips youth with the right skills needed in a fast-changing world.

[Register to attend online](#)

If you are interested in attending the event in person, please email alliance4youth@nestle.com

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