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EUROPEAN VOCATIONAL SKILLS WEEK 2022

EUROPEAN YEAR OF YOUTH

Preparing for the European Year of Skills

It's official 2023 is the European Year of Skills, following the announcement by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in her 2022 State of the Union address. This will ensure that nobody is left behind and the economic recovery, as well as the green and digital transitions, are socially fair and just. Having the relevant skills empowers people to successfully navigate labour market and society. It also helps companies and businesses to innovate and thrive. Upskilling and reskilling are also crucial for contributions to sustainable growth, leads to more innovation and better competitiveness. What's your view? The Commission would like to hear from you!

Click here to provide your feedback, which will be collected and presented to the European Parliament and Council with the aim of feeding into the legislative debate.

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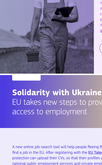
Two decades of European cooperation in VET

The Copenhagen process (an accelerated response to improve the quality and attractiveness of VET) celebrated its 20th anniversary with a conference organised by the Commission on 11 October 2022 in close cooperation with the European Commission's Prague between 20 and 21 October. The Directors-General for Vocational Education and Training (DGVT) brought together high-level representatives from 36 countries together with European cross-sectoral social partners, the relevant VET policy promoters and marked the anniversary of the Copenhagen process. In the field of VET, the Copenhagen process enhanced cooperation between Member States, candidate countries, EFTA/EEA countries and European social partners.

Have your say on European employment and social rights



The first European Employment & Social Rights Forum was held on 14 and 17 November. The event brought together decision-makers, employee representatives, government ministers and representatives of civil society organisations and stakeholders to discuss current societal challenges and the opportunities of the green transition. You can make your voice count heard. Join the Forum and let the discussion about the policies the EU and Member States should implement to promote the green transition's fair and full of opportunities.

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Solidarity with Ukraine: EU takes new steps to provide access to employment

A new online job search tool will help people fleeing Russia's invasion of Ukraine to successfully find a job in the EU. Employment services across the EU have launched initiatives, from the Employment Mediation Office in Latvia to the Employment Agency in Bucharest, Romania. Employment services, national public employment services and private employment agencies. Ensuring a swift and effective integration into the labour market is important both for host communities, and for those fleeing the war.

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Europeans support a fair green transition

The vast majority (90% of Europeans) support a green transition that creates jobs, according to a new Eurobarometer on Fairness perceptions of the green transition.

However, only 42% of Europeans polled said they are confident that sustainable energy products and services will be affordable for all households. Only 45% trust the fairness of the transition, half of the respondents said their current skills allow them to contribute.

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Forum on Vocational Excellence

The 2022 Forum on Vocational Excellence was organised in San Sebastian / Donostia, Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, Spain, on 15 and 16 November.

Almost 150 people from 34 countries registered to attend this event online.

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Pact for Skills: Two new partnerships

The European Commission's Pact for Skills initiative, part of the Union of Skills and European Skills Agenda, is growing. So far, 22 large-scale skills partnerships (LSPs) have been launched in 11 of the 14 European industrial ecosystems, which range from automotive and microelectronics to tourism and textiles. The Pact for Skills has seen one large-scale skills partnership in each of the 14 industrial ecosystems and is strengthen the regional dimension of the Pact with regional skills partnerships.

In this direction, two additional LSPs will be established. One is in small-LSN November 2022, and the second one will be in the Mediterranean Sea Basin. The Pact for Skills is a key initiative for the implementation of the Union of Skills in the framework of the EU Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion flagship event on 15 November. The efforts of the Pact members were showcased, and testimonials and badges presented.

Members benefit from support services providing networking opportunities and facilitating access to skills intelligence and information on funding opportunities for upskilling and reskilling actions. There are currently more than 700 signatories to the Pact.

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Join the webinar on upskilling and reskilling

VET providers are invited to join the webinar on 24 November to find out how to promote VET as a path to upskilling and reskilling. The webinar will also discuss how to promote VET as a path to upskilling and reskilling. Participants will take the Finnish Employment and Vocational Training Service (VOSE) and the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA). Registration deadline: 22 November.

Register

Skills shortage in Cyprus

As part of our series on vocational success stories, we look at the situation in Cyprus. A skills shortage is all sectors of the economy is making it difficult for companies in Cyprus to find the right people with the right skills. The Cyprus Ministry of Education has introduced incentives towards more STEM subjects in the curriculum for secondary schools. The skills boosts cover processes in electronics which completed by apprenticeship in Greece and then in Cyprus to produce a system which a Cypriot innovative energy company, specialising in solar energy.

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Latest news on the European Alliance for Apprenticeships

High-level live discussion: Supporting Ukrainians in the EU through apprenticeships

On 27 October, the European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA) held a high level live discussion with Nadia Schmit, EU Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, on supporting Ukrainians in the EU through apprenticeships. The discussion was moderated by Jan Hamacher, who acted as a host to support Ukrainians displaced by the war and address their educational, employment and social needs.

Watch recording
Live recording - High level live discussion: Supporting Ukrainians in the EU through apprenticeships

Make your EAfA pledge to support displaced Ukrainians in the EU

Support displaced Ukrainians in the EU by submitting a pledge with the European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA). We are pleased to launch a new campaign to support displaced Ukrainians in the EU through apprenticeships by providing high-quality effective apprenticeships. Both EAfA members and non-members are encouraged to submit a pledge to create apprenticeships for displaced Ukrainians in the EU.

Make a pledge

EAfA podcast: The role of social partners in creating high-quality, effective apprenticeships

On 10 October, the European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA) published its third podcast episode. It's part of a series focusing on EAfA's four objectives: supply, quality, image and governance. The podcast provides a platform to share best practices, on emerging international dimension, and discuss key challenges from a social partner perspective.

You can find all EAfA podcast episodes on SoundCloud, YouTube and Spotify.

High-level event: Seminar for EAfA partner countries

Between 13 and 14 October, the European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA) held a seminar, where EAfA partner countries shared their experiences and discussed the future of the EAfA and apprenticeships. The high-level event took place in Bucharest and included senior government representatives, EU stakeholders, representatives from the European Commission and social partners representing the European vocational education and training (VET) sector.

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2022 European Innovative Teaching Award ceremony: VET on the winners list

There were 25 nominees to celebrate vocational education and training (VET) schools — 25 Schools. This is how many VET schools were nominated in the 2022 European Innovative Teaching Award (EITA). The 25 VET schools were among the 98 awarded projects, which also included early childhood education centres, and mainstream education schools. Teachers and trainers nominated for their outstanding work and their commitment to skills development for young people. The EITA was launched by the European Commission in 2021 to celebrate the achievements of teachers and schools. The initiative is part of the Erasmus+ programme Education.teacs and recognised teachers and trainers who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to skills development, the benefits of Erasmus+ participation in education through transnational activities.

The 2022 Award was organised around the theme "Learning together, promoting creativity and sustainability", with three sub-topics: "Creativity", "Inclusion" and "Sustainability". The theme also relates to the Commission's New European Bauhaus initiative.

Marina Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, delivered the opening speech during the award ceremony on 25 October. The proved teachers and trainers from across the European Union and participating programme countries. Representatives of the communities and a representative staff of the European wave of life.

The participants were invited to introduce their projects. They also took part in a networking event held on 26 October. It was an opportunity for them to share their experiences, struggles and achievements, exchange best practices and create lasting contacts with other professionals.

Watch the Award ceremony
European Innovative Teaching Award
European Commission / European Education Area (europa.eu)

The latest about Erasmus+

... new calls

Up to 27 Erasmus+ calls published on 13 October. The aim is to provide support to European non-governmental organisations and EU wide networks active in civil society, cooperation in education and training and the fields of youth. The deadlines are in November.

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... looking ahead

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Link your event to the Week.

Don't forget to link your VET event or activity to #VocationalSkillsWeek. Linking your event to the Week, as long as it takes place within this calendar year, ensures the visibility of VET events/ activities linked to the Week and cross-fertilisation of ideas and practices.

Check out the Week's social media resources and information to help you promote your happening.

Register your event

Share your inspiring VET story

Inspire others to discover their passions or their calling in life by posting your unique VET story using Twitter, Facebook or Instagram.

#ChooseVocational#Skills #DiscoverYourTalent

Share your VET story

Sign up for VET events & activities linked to the Week

Discover exciting VET events to upskill and reskill in line with the twin green and digital transitions and other priorities. Be the first to be helping you achieve your goals. Don't wait!

Check out VET events around Europe and neighbouring countries

Discover your National Contact Point (NCP)

National Contact Points (NPCs) have been nominated for the promotion of the #VocationalSkillsWeek. They have joined up with the organisers to bring you more in-depth and more logistical support VET event organisers to get their message out and gain publicity for their events.

Discover your NCP

Library of VET stories at your fingertips

Explore our wonderful library of engaging VET stories on the 2022 European Vocational Skills website

Networking Tool BZMatch open until 29 December

Get networking on the European Vocational Skills Week's networking tool. Here's your chance to forge new links and create new relationships with like-minded VET partners.

Sign up to BZMatch

Join the conversation Get on social media

Use #VocationalSkillsWeek and #ChooseYourFuture to follow the conversation online.
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