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Europe

European Commission

Survey: Teachers' opinions on the challenges and concerns they encounter in their daily work with digital education content.

<https://school-education.ec.europa.eu/en/discover/surveys/european-commission-survey-digital-education-content>

EU launches InvestAI initiative to mobilise €200 billion of investment in artificial intelligence

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_467

Commission work programme 2025

https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/strategy-documents/commission-work-programme/commission-work-programme-2025_en

This European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA) spotlight article focus on Don Bosco Tech Africa (DBTA) that coordinates over 100 technical vocational education and training (TVET) centres across Africa and Madagascar. DBTA aims to empower Technical and Vocational Education and Training centres so that they can deliver demand-driven and quality training to marginalised young people.

https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/news/eafa-member-spotlight-don-bosco-tech-africa-dbta-2025-02-19_en

Cedefop

Making learning progression a reality: policy scenarios towards 2040

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/making-learning-progression-reality-policy-scenarios-towards-2040>

Monitoring progress: key developments in national VET implementation

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/monitoring-progress-key-developments-national-vet-implementation>

Breaking the cycle: tackling bullying and early leaving to empower learners

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/breaking-cycle-tackling-bullying-and-early-leaving-empower-learners>

Publication: Briefing note - Cedefop labour and skills shortage index
<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications/9202>

First findings from Cedefop's AI skills survey
<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications/9201>

European Training Foundation

5th Edition of the Green Skills Award
<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/press/press-release-fifth-edition-etf-green-skills-award-spotlights-innovative>

Eurobarometer

The EP Youth Survey 2024 examines the views of young people (aged 16-30) across the EU, focusing on their political priorities, attitudes towards the European Union, sources of information, exposure to disinformation, political engagement, and voting behaviour in the 2024 European elections.
<https://europa.eu/eurobarometer/surveys/detail/3392>

Artificial Intelligence and the future of work: While 62% of Europeans view robots and AI positively at work and 70% believe it improves productivity, 84% of Europeans think that AI requires careful management to protect privacy and ensure transparency in the workplace.
<https://europa.eu/eurobarometer/surveys/detail/3222>

European Network of Public Employment Services

Most of PES deliver skills assessment, provide access to languages courses and vocational training to integrate displaced Ukrainians into the workforce
https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/news/comprehensive-efforts-public-employment-services-2024-integrate-displaced-ukrainians-workforce-2025-03-03_en

Eurydice

System-level indicators on education and training systems in Europe – 2024: These indicators provide valuable insights into four key topics: education policies on early childhood education and care, early school leaving, higher education, and equity in both school and higher education.
<https://eurydice.eacea.ec.europa.eu/data-and-visuals>

Update: The structure of European education systems - 2024/2025
<https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/eacea/newsletter-archives/60193>

International

WorldSkills

WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 Symposium develops strategy to promote skills development
<https://worldskills.org/media/news/worldskills-shanghai-2026-symposium-develops-strategy-promote-skills-development/>

ILO

Labour force participation is declining, especially among young people

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/economic-recovery-losing-steam-new-ilo-report-says>

OECD

Fostering excellence in higher education and VET. Going beyond quality assurance

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/fostering-excellence-in-higher-education-and-vet_e6862056-en.html

Ensuring quality in VET and higher education. Getting quality assurance right

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/ensuring-quality-in-vet-and-higher-education_812ff006-en.html

Transitions through education and into the labour market. Exploring educational outcomes and equity gaps using international surveys

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/transitions-through-education-and-into-the-labour-market_18be3c52-en.html

Results of the PIAAC Employer Module

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/understanding-skill-gaps-in-firms_b388d1da-en.html

Trends Shaping Education 2025

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/trends-shaping-education-2025_ee6587fd-en.html

Building a Skilled Cyber Security Workforce in Europe. Insights from France, Germany and Poland

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/building-a-skilled-cyber-security-workforce-in-europe_3673cd60-en.html

What Do We Know about Young People's Interest in Health Careers?

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/what-do-we-know-about-young-people-s-interest-in-health-careers_002b3a39-en.html

Everybody Cares About Using Education Research Sometimes. Perspectives of Knowledge Intermediaries

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/everybody-cares-about-using-education-research-sometimes_5ef88972-en.html

Countries

Bulgaria

Final Evaluation: Bulgaria's Equal Access to School Education in Times of Crisis Project.

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/bulgaria-s-equal-access-to-school-education-in-times-of-crisis-project_4ba2d868-en.html

Canada

This paper analyses the demand for talent proficient in developing or working with Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems in Canada

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/ai-skills-and-capabilities-in-canada_87f76682-en.html

Denmark

Parties call on the government to make a new proposal for youth education

<https://uddannelsesmonitor.dk/nyheder/politik/article17851001.ece>



Finland

Foresight reports on skills and education needs added to education statistics

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/finland-foresight-reports-skills-and-education-needs-added-education-statistics>

Germany

Study: Do xenophobic attitudes influence migrant workers' regional location choice?

<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0316627>

Malta

A new Directorate promotes VET in compulsory schooling

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/malta-new-directorate-promotes-vet-compulsory-schooling>

Netherlands

More and more shortage professions

<https://www.vdab.be/nieuwsbrief/02-2025/steeds-meer-knelpuntberoepen>

Regional Work Centres: How an innovative one-stop shop approach in the Netherlands provides better outcomes for jobseekers and employers

https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/news/pespod-23-regional-work-centres-how-innovative-one-stop-shop-approach-netherlands-provides-better-2025-02-20_en

Nordics

Nordic Co-operation Programme for the Nordic Council of Ministers for Education, Research and Language 2025–2030

<https://pub.norden.org/politknord2024-765/index.html>

Switzerland

As sustainability becomes more and more important, interest in the impact of entrepreneurial activity is growing. Vocational and continuing education institutions play a central role in this. To support them, the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) introduced the funding priority 'Sustainable Development in Vocational and Continuing Education' at the end of 2023.

<https://e2-news.ch/de/news/nachhaltige-entwicklung-in-der-berufs-und-weiterbildung>

Why vocationally oriented upper secondary schools receive little political attention

<https://transfer.vet/im-schatten-der-koenigswege-berufsbildung-und-gymnasium/>

To understand the decline in the proportion of young people choosing vocational education, this paper takes a look at the reasons for the decline and at the objective presentation of the interests affected, and makes suggestions for strengthening apprenticeships by better linking them to the strengths of the general education and school-based pathway.

<https://transfer.vet/weshalb-das-unterschiedliche-interesse-an-der-berufsbildung/>

Adults in Switzerland show above-average results in reading, everyday mathematics and problem solving in international comparison according to the latest PIAAC study. Sabine Scheiben, head of the SERI's Continuing Education and Training Division, explains how the federal government is involved in the area of basic skills.

<https://e2-news.ch/de/news/erwachsene-in-der-schweiz-ueberdurchschnittlich-gut-in-grundkompetenzen>

Assessment of professional competence in the qualification process – an unattainable goal?

<https://transfer.vet/handlungskompetenzorientiertes-pruefen-im-qualifikationsverfahren-eine-unerreichbare-vorgabe/>

Ukraine

Transforming General Upper Secondary Education in Ukraine. Insights from International Experiences

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/transforming-general-upper-secondary-education-in-ukraine_7c357ac4-en.html

ETF analysis of the invasion of Ukraine: the impact on human capital and education

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/etf-analysis-invasion-ukraine-impact-human-capital-and-education>

Wales

What Shapes Pathways and Transitions? A Comparative Perspective on Learners' Trajectories through Upper Secondary Education in Wales

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/what-shapes-pathways-and-transitions_3e5d83a1-en.html

Save the Date

05.-06./03/2025: „Skills for a competitive Europe“ by the European Employment & Social Rights Forum 2025

https://www.eusocialforum.eu/2025/home?utm_source=Euractiv&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=87905257ca-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_01_14_08_41_COPY_01&utm_content=wave_1&utm_term=0_-8752365402-116677452

06/03/2025: ETF-Online Webinar „Teaching with Artificial Intelligence - how to unlock AI in education?“

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/events/teaching-artificial-intelligence-how-unlock-ai-education>

21-23/05/2025: 6th International VET Conference Crossing Boundaries by the European Research Network Vocational Education and Training (VETNET)

<https://vetnetsite.org/conferences/2025-crossing-boundaries-in-palma/>

05/06/2025: Webinar: Better Crisis Preparedness by Involving Children and Young People in the Nordic region

https://www.norden.org/en/event/webinar-better-crisis-preparedness-involving-children-and-young-people-nordic-region?utm_medium=email&utm_source=transactional&utm_campaign=Norden_Newsletter



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