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Europe

European Union

Call for participation: Year of Skills 2023 to be officially launched in May 2023

https://year-of-skills.europa.eu/index_en

https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/europe-fit-digital-age/european-year-skills-2023_en

Skills and competences for the green transition on Council education meeting agenda. On 7 March, Minister for Schools Lotta Edholm will chair a meeting on education at the Council of the European Union in Brussels. Policy debate on teacher shortage The ministers will also discuss the teacher



shortage and hold a policy debate on teachers as the cornerstone of a successful European Education Area.

<https://swedish-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/en/news/skills-and-competences-for-the-green-transition-on-council-education-meeting-agenda/>

Council conclusions on competences and skills for the green transition

https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/documents-publications/public-register/public-register-search/results/?WordsInSubject=&WordsInText=&DocumentNumber=7089%2F23&InterinstitutionalFiles=&DocumentDateFrom=&DocumentDateTo=&MeetingDateFrom=&MeetingDateTo=&DocumentLanguage=EN&OrderBy=DOCUMENT_DATE+DESC&ctl00%24ctl00%24cpMain%24cpMain%24btnSubmit

CEDEFOP

A skills revolution challenging conventional thinking

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/skills-revolution-challenging-conventional-thinking>

The Swedish EU Presidency to attack skills mismatch

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/swedish-eu-presidency-attack-skills-mismatch>

Jobs must match upgraded skills

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/jobs-must-match-upgraded-skills>

Cedefop newsletter February 2023

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/newsletters/cedefop-newsletter-no-127-february-2023>

European Training Foundation

Breaking boundaries: meet Gaza's first female solar technician and Green Skills Award Winner

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/breaking-boundaries-meet-gazas-first-female-solar-technician-and-green-skills>

Promoting green and digital skills is high up the EU's policy priorities – both within the bloc and in relation with countries surrounding the EU. But the detail of how such policies can work is not always clearly understood. Examples from Albania – and other ETF partner countries in the EU's neighbouring regions – can help clarify how and why they are such important tools for stronger, more stable and sustainable economies.

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/green-and-digital-skills-essential-sustainability-all-sectors>

GRETA stands for 'Greening Responses To Excellence through Thematic Actions'. Some 18 Centres of Vocational Excellence, from eight different countries, are involved in the project and the fact that eight of the participants are from Ukraine makes the project both ecological and about existential resilience.

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/greening-training-and-training-greening>

Eurochambres

Eurochambres flash survey: Green skills in the eyes of European businesses

<https://www.eurochambres.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Eurochambres-flash-survey-Green-skills-in-the-eyes-of-European-businesses-1.pdf>

Eurostat

Employed non-nationals are more likely to be over-qualified than nationals for their job.

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/en/web/products-eurostat-news/w/DDN-20230309-3>

International organisations

ILO

ILO launches innovative platform to strengthen policies for full employment. The ILO's Employment Policy Action Facility (EPAF) is a new knowledge-sharing and technical assistance platform that provides evidence-based, timely and relevant support for developing, implementing and reviewing employment policies.

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_871143/lang--en/index.htm

ILO to release new analysis on key workers

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_871148/lang--en/index.htm

ILO launches Global Care Policy Portal and Care Policy Investment Simulator

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_870740/lang--en/index.htm

UNESCO UNEVOC

UNESCO's Global Skills Academy convenes partners to set up action plan to support 10 million learners by 2029

<https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/unescos-global-skills-academy-convenes-partners-set-action-plan-support-10-million-learners-2029>

Countries

Afghanistan

Female employment levels in Afghanistan have fallen steeply since the Taliban administration took over in 2021, according to new figures released by the International Labour Organization (ILO).

https://www.ilo.org/asia/media-centre/news/WCMS_869891/lang--en/index.htm

Australia

Number of apprentices and trainees in-training continues to grow

<https://www.ncver.edu.au/news-and-events/media-releases/number-of-apprentices-and-trainees-in-training-continues-to-grow>

Denmark

In 2022, 49,575 training agreements were signed between vocational education and training students and companies. This is a slight increase compared to the previous year.

<https://www.uvm.dk/aktuelt/nyheder/uvm/2023/feb/230215-nye-tal-naesten-50-000-indgaaende-uddannelsesaftaler-i-2022>

More cooperation between schools and training centres will ensure that more pupils complete the health and social care assistant training

<https://www.uvm.dk/aktuelt/nyheder/uvm/2023/marts/230306-mere-samarbejde-mellem-skoler-og-oplaeringssteder>

Training actors: Equivalence of VET research with other education and training

<https://deg.dk/nyheder/uddannelsesaktorer-sidestil-forskning-erhvervsuddannelser-med-andre-uddannelser>

France

Securing personal training account scheme. The Personal Training Account (Compte Personnel de Formation, CPF) is a scheme that offers funds to adults of working age, allowing them to buy training offered by various providers.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/france-securing-personal-training-account-scheme>

Hungary

Quality management system in VET

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/hungary-quality-management-system-vet>

Italy

Reform of higher technical institutes (ITS Academy)

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/italy-reform-higher-technical-institutes-its-academy>

Lithuania

Programme aligns VET to labour market needs (2021-30)

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/lithuania-programme-aligns-vet-labour-market-needs-2021-30>



Nordics

Attractive VET in the Nordics

<https://www.norden.org/da/publication/attraktive-erhvervsuddannelser-i-norden>

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on social isolation and loneliness. A Nordic research review

<https://www.norden.org/en/publication/impact-covid-19-pandemic-social-isolation-and-loneliness>

Labour market attachment in the Nordic countries. Toward a more inclusive labour market in the Nordics

<https://www.norden.org/en/publication/labour-market-attachment-nordic-countries>

Norway

Challenge of matching skills with labour market needs: A report warns of Norwegian companies' unmet professional skill needs and their rise if no action is taken.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/norway-challenge-matching-skills-labour-market-needs>

Report: New ambitions for school-based career guidance. Development work in cooperation with practice

<https://hkdir.no/rapportar/nye-ambisjoner-for-karriereveiledning-i-skolen-et-utviklingsarbeid-i-samarbeid-med-praksis>

Portugal

45th edition of Portugal's National Skills Competition, SkillsPortugal 2023: 400 highly qualified young people compete in 55 skills. The medalists may represent Portugal at EuroSkills and WorldSkills.

<https://worldskillsportugal.iefp.pt/o-que-fazemos/documentacao-tecnica/descriptivos-tecnicos/skillsportugal-portimao-2022/>

Strengthening digital skills for competitiveness and inclusion: Training Employment More Digital is a free digital training scheme launched in September 2022 for employees, aiming to make enterprises more digital, competitive, productive and efficient.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/portugal-strengthening-digital-skills-competitiveness-and-inclusion>

Switzerland

Interview on the Education Report 2023 with its director, Stefan C. Wolter. Vocational education and training is losing ground

<https://transfer.vet/die-berufliche-grundbildung-verliert-an-terrain/>

Standardised graduating class survey 2022. Digital teaching and learning: Surprisingly high level of satisfaction

<https://transfer.vet/digitales-lehren-und-lernen-erstaunlich-hohe-zufriedenheit/>

Publication: This is how action competence orientation succeeds

<https://transfer.vet/so-gelingt-handlungskompetenzorientierung/>

Study by the Intercantonal School of Special Needs Education. Strengthening socio-emotional competences in vocational orientation

<https://transfer.vet/staerkung-sozio-emotionaler-kompetenzen-in-der-beruflichen-orientierung/>

Survey of vocational trainers. How to deal with mentally stressed learners?
<https://transfer.vet/wie-soll-man-mit-psychisch-belasteten-lernenden-umgehen/>

Interesting classification and explanation of ChatGPT
<https://mia.phsz.ch/MIA/ChatGPT>

Tunisia

ILO Chief Technical Advisor, David Andrevon, speaks about the ACJEMP project, which is improving the access of youth to the job market through coaching and training. The project is funded by the French Development Agency and aims to support 20,000 young women and men in Tunisia by 2023.
https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS_833501/lang--en/index.htm

Events

23-27/10/2023: European Vocational Skills Week
https://vocational-skills.ec.europa.eu/index_en

19-21/07/2023: The 32nd National Vocational Education and Training (VET) Research Conference 'No Frills' will be co-hosted with RMIT University in Melbourne.
<https://www.ncver.edu.au/news-and-events/events/32nd-national-vet-research-conference-no-frills>



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