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Europe

European Union

Progress on the European Commission's 2021-2027 digital education action plan

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2023/745689/EPRS_BRI\(2023\)745689_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2023/745689/EPRS_BRI(2023)745689_EN.pdf)

Publication/final report: The road towards a possible joint European degree. Identifying opportunities and investigating the impact and feasibility of different approaches

https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/2844365b-649f-11ed-92ed-01aa75ed71a1?mc_cid=7d20e8882e&mc_eid=cd7d563547

Council conclusions on skills and competences for the green transition

<https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-7089-2023-INIT/en/pdf>

Have your say on learning mobility: The European Commission has launched a public consultation to collect views on a new initiative on teaching and learning abroad in Europe. Interested stakeholders are invited to submit their contributions by 3 May.

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=1146&furtherNews=yes&newsId=10531>

Erasmus+ 2023 Annual Work Programme: Commission increases annual budget to €4.43 billion, with a focus on learners and staff from Ukraine

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/news/reviewed-erasmus-2023-budget-brings-overall-eu443-billion-to-support-the-education-sectors-with-specific-support-for-ukrainian-learners-and-staff>

New expert group focuses on supporting well-being at school

<https://education.ec.europa.eu/news/new-expert-group-well-being-school>

Promoting better educational outcomes for all and well-being at school. A Council Recommendation on 'Pathways to School Success', adopted by EU Member States, looks to address these challenges.

<https://education.ec.europa.eu/education-levels/school-education/pathways-to-school-success>

CEDEFOP

Have your say on EU agencies Eurofound, Cedefop, ETF and EU-OSHA until 25 May 2023

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13400-EU-agencies-Eurofound-Cedefop-ETF-and-EU-OSHA-2024-evaluation/public-consultation_en

With 2023 being the European Year of Skills, Episode 15 of the Skillset and match podcast looks at the findings of Cedefop's 2nd European skills and jobs survey.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/podcasts/cedefop-podcast-episode-15-cedefops-european-skills-and-jobs-survey>

European Training Foundation

Policybriefing: Skilling for the green transition



<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/publications/skilling-green-transition>

Demystifying green skills" by SKILLS FACTORY

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/etf/episodes/26--Demystifying-green-skills-e21esib/a-a9jdhp>

European Vocational Skills Week 2022 – Highlights: European Commission Conference on VET & the Green Transition and more highlights from the Week

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2023-03/European%20Vocational%20Skills%20Week%202022.pdf>

International organisations

ILO

Apprenticeships Development for Universal Lifelong Learning and Training (ADULT).

Unlocking apprenticeship potential in small and medium enterprises

https://www.ilo.org/skills/projects/adult/WCMS_872246/lang--en/index.htm

WorldSkills

Introducing the new WorldSkills Champions Trust representatives

WorldSkills Competitors from around the world have been chosen to serve as ambassadors in 2023 to 2024.

<https://worldskills.org/media/news/introducing-new-worldskills-champions-trust-representatives/>

Countries

Denmark

Perceptions of pay and working conditions lead young people to decide against training as nurses, teachers, educators and social workers

<https://www.eva.dk/videregaaende-uddannelse/forestillinger-om-loen-arbejdsvilkaar-faar-unge-fravaelge-uddannelser>

Vocational classes in primary school encourage school-weary pupils to pursue vocational training

<https://www.eva.dk/grundskole/erhvervsklasser-grundskolen-giver-skoletraette-elever-lyst-erhvervsuddannelse>

France

How has the professional life of young people in their thirties, the "hard core" of the employed workforce, been affected by the 2020 health crisis? The results of the inquiry „Generation: Covid and after“ make it possible to document the differentiated situations of these assets in the face of the crisis.

<https://www.cereq.fr/la-crise-t-elle-bouscule-les-parcours-professionnels-des-trentenaires>

The concept of skills runs through this new issue.

<https://www.cereq.fr/Formation-emploi-varia-161>



Nordics

The future of vocational training in the Nordic Region was a topic of intense debate when politicians from the Nordic Council and industry professionals from across the Nordic Region discussed which concrete measures are required to address shortages in the vocationally trained workforce in the Nordic Region.

<https://www.norden.org/en/news/measures-required-strengthen-vocational-training-nordic-region>

Norway

On 24 March, the Government presented the white paper Utsyn for kompetansebehov i Norway. The white paper emphasises the need to educate more people with skills that society needs for the green transition, a highly productive working life and good welfare services also in the future.

<https://hkdir.no/aktuelt/kampen-om-hodene>

This is the third and final report in the evaluation of the white paper on tertiary vocational education. The evaluation shows that most of the measures of the tertiary VET report have been implemented and have had a positive impact on the quality of PET.

<https://www2.deloitte.com/no/no/innsikt/evalueringer/fagskolemeldingen-evaluering-sluttrapport.html>

Sweden

The Knowledge Foundation is investing SEK 90 million in new climate change adaptation competence. Advanced level courses and educational programmes are jointly developed by universities, industry and other cooperation partners and adapted with a focus on the needs of professionals.

<https://www.kks.se/article/kk-stiftelsen-satsar-90-miljoner-pa-ny-kompetens-for-klimatomställning/>

Switzerland

Replica of the interview on the Education Report 2023 with Stefan C. Wolter. "A threat scenario is not appropriate".

<https://transfer.vet/ein-bedrohungsszenario-ist-nicht-angebracht/>

Survey of vocational learners on the role of emotional intelligence (EI) in VET: They confirm the positive correlation between EI and school success among care professionals (FaBe) and health professionals (FaGe). In particular, they showed that EI as a skill has a stronger impact on the cognitive and theoretical part of the training, while EI as a personality trait comes into play in the practical part of the training.

<https://transfer.vet/emotionale-intelligenz-ist-wichtig-fuer-den-lernerfolg/>

The Netherlands

According to the latest figures from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, the number of young people who left MBO (vocational education and training) without a qualification in the academic year 2021-2022 has risen to around 30,000 apprentices. This is 5000. more trainees than in the previous year.

<https://www.mboraad.nl/nieuws/aanpak-vsv-onverminderd-belangrijk-afmaken-opleiding-beste-basis>

Education Minister Dijkgraaf introduces a plan to reduce the number of dropouts in secondary vocational education (MBO).

<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/04/03/aanvalsplan-tegen-voortijdig-schoolverlaten-in-het-mbo>

Needs survey kennisbankstudentenwelzijn.nl targets MBO professionals

<https://ecio.nl/nieuws/behoeftepeiling-uitbreiding-landelijke-kennisbank-studentenwelzijn-voor-het-mbo/>

Events

21/04/2023: Youth Future Conference 2023: How should learning be better and more meaningful in the future?

<https://jugendkonferenz.mehr-wissen-mehr-tun.de/>

03/05/2023: Teaching for green societies: skills and practical experiences. Webinar is organised by ETF and the ETF GRETA network (Greening Responses to Excellence through thematic actions)

<https://openspace.etf.europa.eu/events/teaching-green-societies-skills-and-practical-experiences>

15-16/06/2023: 2023 joint Cedefop/OECD symposium on 'Apprenticeships and the digital transition'

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/events/2023-joint-edefopoecd-symposium-apprenticeships-and-digital-transition>

07. – 09/09/2023: 21st ESPAnet Annual Conference 2023: Challenges for the welfare state in turbulent times. Hosted by the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Warsaw and co-organised by LabFam – the Interdisciplinary Centre for Labour Market and Family Dynamics at the Faculty of Economics, University of Warsaw.

<https://espanet-warsaw2023.org/>



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