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Europe

European Union

The EU in 2022. General Report on the activities of the European Union

<https://op.europa.eu/webpub/com/general-report-2022/en/>

CEDEFOP

New vacancy notice: Expert in Research and Policy Analysis (Deadline: 03/05/2023)

<https://refernet.cedefop.europa.eu/content/new-vacancy-notice-expert-research-and-policy-analysis-deadline-03052023>



Publication: Trends and challenges in the construction sector
<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/skills-developments-and-trends-construction>

European Training Foundation

A passion for innovation and inclusion: story of Green Skills

Award winner from Nigeria

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/passion-innovation-and-inclusion-story-green-skills-award-winner-nigeria>

Pilvi Torsti joins the ETF as new Director.

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/pilvi-torsti-joins-etf-new-director>

Publication: The future of work in the Western Balkans: New forms of employment and platform work. The report consolidates the analysis of today's landscape and the future of work for young people carried out in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia.

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/publications/embracing-digital-age-0>

Publication: ETF support to EU external policies.

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/publications/etf-support-eu-external-policies>

Eurofound

Publication: Measures to tackle labour shortages: Lessons for future policy. Skills alone will not solve labour shortages in Europe but will only be possible by improving job quality factors such as pay and autonomy.

https://www.mynewsdesk.com/eurofound/news/skills-alone-will-not-solve-labour-shortages-in-europe-464314?utm_campaign=widget&utm_medium=widget&utm_source=eurofound.sharepoint.com

ARCHIPELAGO

ARCHIPELAGO ist ein europäisches Programm zur Beschäftigungsbefähigung von Jugendlichen in zwölf Zielländern der Sahelzone und der Tschadsee-Region, das auf den Erfahrungen des Programms der deutschen Berufsbildungspartnerschaften (BBP) aufbaut.

https://www.sequa.de/fileadmin/user_upload/230403-sequa-Forum_01_23_final.pdf

International organisations

UN

UN General Assembly adopts the resolution “Promoting the Social and Solidarity Economy for Sustainable Development”.

<https://unsse.org/2023/04/19/historic-moment-for-the-sse-at-its-66th-plenary-meeting-the-un-general-assembly-adopts-the-resolution-promoting-the-social-and-solidarity-economy-for-sustainable-development/>

UNESCO-UNEVOC

Innovative and Promising Practices in TVET

<https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Promising+Practices+in+TVET>

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<https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/UNEVOC+Quarterly+Issue+March+2023>

ILO

Apprenticeships Development for Universal Lifelong Learning and Training (ADULT)

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

ILO officials will take part in several events at the youth forum (2023 ECOSOC Youth Forum), which takes place from 25 – 27 April at UN headquarters in New York.

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_877761/lang--en/index.htm

The Women in Digital Business initiative (WIDB) will support 30,000 women entrepreneurs in 10 countries.

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_876621/lang--en/index.htm

Data on labour market disparities between persons with and without disabilities are essential to inform transformative policymaking and programming. Yet, analysis of ILOSTAT datasets reveal that many countries do not collect population-level data on disability status, hampering efforts to disaggregate labour market indicators.

<https://ilostat.ilo.org/ilo-data-highlights-need-for-disability-disaggregated-labour-force-surveys-and-investment-in-data-systems/>

Countries

Germany

European policy positions 2023 of the DIHK organisation for 21 fields of action, including securing skilled labour: establishing vocational education and training as an equal alternative to higher education and establishing higher vocational education and training as a brand throughout Europe.
<https://www.dihk.de/resource/blob/93896/7a525f290e4d839ca9ebbf33166facb5/europapolitische-positionen-2023-data.pdf>

Nordics

Be a part of preparing the future workforce for what awaits them. This is a teaching material about work environment for students aged 13-16 years that has been developed in a Nordic collaboration.
https://www.norden.org/en/publication/work-environment-knowledge-young-people?utm_medium=email&utm_source=transactional&utm_campaign=Norden_Newsletter



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>

A comparative study: Language Training Services for Adult Immigrants in the Nordic Countries.
https://www.norden.org/en/publication/language-training-services-adult-immigrants-nordic-countries?utm_medium=email&utm_source=transactional&utm_campaign=Norden_Newsletter

The Netherlands

Regulatory Quality Agreements 2024-2027 ((Work Agenda MBO¹) published.
<https://www.nieuwsbrievenminocw.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/03/nieuwsbrief-mbo-maart-2323/regeling-kwaliteitsafspraken-2024---2027-gepubliceerd>

JOB (Apprentices' Association), the Ministry of Education, the MBO Council and other organisations have reached agreements to improve education (Work Agenda MBO). Each vocational school must make arrangements to implement these quality agreements over the next four years. The subject council must agree to the school's quality agreements, otherwise the agreements will not be approved. If these agreements are approved, the school receives money to implement them.
<https://www.jobmbo.nl/voorstellen-voor-de-studentenraad/>

Interview with Co-Author of "Atlas of Drop-Out Netherlands": Increasing educational gap and images of VET and practical professions.
<https://www.mboraad.nl/nieuws/ren%C3%A9-cuperus-%E2%80%98organiseer-zoveel-mogelijk-samenleving-rondom-het-mbo%E2%80%99>

MBO Council advocates structural funding of the integration pathway as a statutory integration task. This integration pathway lasts an average of one and a half years and prepares integration students for transition to an MBO, HBO or WO programme in the regular school.

¹ MBO (Intermediate Vocational Education) is vocational education in The Netherlands.

<https://www.mбораad.nl/nieuws/mbo-raad-pleit-voor-structurele-financiering-van-de-onderwijsroute-en-wettelijke-taak-bij>

Investing in workplace learning increases job satisfaction.

<https://s-bb.nl/nieuws/investeren-in-leren-op-de-werkvloer-vergroot-werkgeluk/>

Due to the increasing attention to healthy lifestyles among young people, the Specialist Sports and Healthy School (SSGS) degree programme is also becoming more and more important in the MBO.

<https://www.mбораad.nl/nieuws/opleiding-specialist-sportieve-en-gezonde-school-ssgs-steeds-meer-voet-aan-de-grond-mbo>

Events

26/04/2023: Online workshop "Governance of Career Guidance Systems in Nordic Countries". The lectures are hosted by the section for Guidance Studies (Seksjon for veiledning) at the Faculty for Health and Social Sciences, Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences. The seminar will be in English. The keynotes are a part of Nordic Exploratory Workshop The Governance of Career Guidance Systems in Nordic Countries, funded by The Joint Committee for Nordic Research Councils in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NOS-HS).

<https://www.inn.no/english/about-inn-university/faculty-of-social-and-health-sciences/events-from-hsv/workshop-career-guidance/>

27/04/2023: Workshop by Céreq: Skills development through on-the-job learning and recognition (4 countries: Argentina, France, Morocco and Sénégal)

<https://www.cereq.fr/atelier-developpement-des-competences-les-apprentissages-dans-le-travail-et-leurs-reconnaitances>

03/05/2023: "Teaching for Green Societies" organised by ETF Community of Innovative Educators

<https://tree.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEud-2urTwrGdHLivRkgQb-3UsqPY-atQcM#/registration>

Agenda

https://mcusercontent.com/b7a9748a483ec37d7f09261ce/files/7476d61d-bd88-b329-6c06-3e0cb819651f/Agenda_Webinar_Green_May_2023.pdf

09/05/2023: European Year of Skills Festival by European Commission

https://year-of-skills.europa.eu/news/skills-you-join-european-year-skills-festival-9-may-2023-04-14_en

23/05/2023: Civil society for lifelong skills development in Europe and partner countries. ETF-LLLP-EAEA joint conference

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/events/civil-society-lifelong-skills-development-europe-and-partner-countries-etf>



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