

## REFERNET VETNEWS INTERNATIONAL

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### Europe

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#### EU

15 new Centres of Vocational Excellence launched

[https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/15-new-centres-vocational-excellence-launched-2024-03-20\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/15-new-centres-vocational-excellence-launched-2024-03-20_en)

Publication: Digital skills playbook for educators

[https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/new-publication-digital-skills-playbook-educators-2024-04-08\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/new-publication-digital-skills-playbook-educators-2024-04-08_en)

Insights from the sixth European Education Summit

<https://education.ec.europa.eu/news/insights-from-the-sixth-european-education-summit>

9th Cohesion Report shows that Cohesion Policy continues to narrow the gaps in EU regions and Member States

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_24\\_1616](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1616)



#### ETF

New Learning Club on "Innovative STEAM education", "Teaching with Artificial Intelligence", "Engaging and inclusive teaching methods for upskilling and reskilling of adults"

<https://openspace.etf.europa.eu/pages/new-learning-clubs>

#### Eurofond

Eurofound launches new online survey on living and working in the European Union

<https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/en/surveys/living-and-working-eu-e-survey/e-survey-2024>

Ukrainians in EU have found temporary jobs but struggle to access public services

<https://www.mynewsdesk.com/eurofound/news/ukrainians-in-eu-have-found-temporary-jobs-but-struggle-to-access-public-services-481903>

The changing structure of employment in the EU: Annual review 2023

<https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/en/publications/2024/changing-structure-employment-eu-annual-review-2023>

Analysis of the European Child Guarantee monitoring frameworks

<https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/en/publications/eurofound-paper/2024/analysis-european-child-guarantee-monitoring-frameworks>

### **Eurochambres**

Eurochambres Vice President and Skills Committee Chair, Martha Schultz, emphasized the escalating skill shortages noted by entrepreneurs across Europe

<https://twitter.com/eurochambres/status/1770724052098830720?s=46>

Publication: EU enlargement – the business perspective

<https://www.eurochambres.eu/publication/eu-enlargement-the-business-perspective/>

## **International Organisation**

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### **OECD**

Launch of PISA-VET framework: The PISA-VET framework is a roadmap for the assessment of the knowledge and skills required for vocational occupations.

<https://worldskills.org/media/news/launch-pisa-vet-framework-global-milestone/>

### **UNICEF and ETF**

Report by UNICEF and ETF: What kinds of career guidance and career education services do young people want in Europe and Central Asia?

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/publications/learning-careers>

### **UNEVOC**

A UNEVOC Centre's journey to become a greener TVET institution

<https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/fwd2UNEVOC+Quarterly+Issue+March+2024>

### **UNICEF**

Publication: Unmasking racism: guidelines for educational materials

<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000388802.locale=en>

## WorldSkills

Applications open for BeChangeMaker 2024

<https://worldskills.org/what/projects/bechangemaker/2024/apply/>



## Science Notes

Some things are developing better than they appear in the news and pictures.

<https://sciencenotes.de/gut-gemacht/15-entwicklungen-fuer-eine-positive-zukunft/>

## Countries

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### Czech republic

The National Pedagogical Institute submits for public consultation the results of the work of expert working groups that dealt with the revision of the Framework Education Programme for Preschool and Basic Education (FEP PV and BE).

<https://press.npi.cz/tema/npi-cr-spousti-verejnou-konzultaci-k-revizi-rvp-zapojit-se-muze-kazdy>

### Denmark

The share of students in social and health education who have entered into a training agreement with an employer when they complete part 2 of the basic course has increased again in 2023.

<https://www.uvm.dk/aktuelt/nyheder/uvm/2024/mar/240315-nye-tal-stadig-flere-elever-paa-social-og-sundhedsuddannelserne>



## Nordics

The report "EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE – an Investment in the Future" provides a brief overview of Nordic research in the field of early childhood education and care (ECEC).

<https://www.norden.org/en/news/investing-early-care-investing-future>

### Switzerland

At its autumn conference, the Swiss Conference of Directors of Vocational Schools (SDK) took up the topic of cooperation between the three learning locations of school, company and inter-company course and formulated eight theses on the subject.

<https://transfer.vet/mehr-miteinander-in-der-berufsbildung/>

Report commissioned by the Swiss Conference for Vocational, Academic and Career Counselling on the definition of career management skills

<https://transfer.vet/definition-von-laufbahngestaltungskompetenzen/>

Discussion about titles of higher vocational education and training qualifications: Professional Bachelor and Professional Master

<https://transfer.vet/auf-den-spuren-von-christo-ueber-die-sprachliche-verhuellung-von-bildungsabschluessen/>

## The Netherlands

The Amsterdam Internship Pact contains agreements on improving internships. The starting point of the pact is that every MBO student in Amsterdam should have access to a suitable internship, with good guidance from school.

<https://www.s-bb.nl/nieuws/sbb-tekent-amsterdams-stagepact-onder-toezicht-van-koningin-maxima/>

Citizenship education exam mandatory for MBO students in 2026

<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2024/04/04/examen-burgerschapsonderwijs-verplicht-voor-mbo-studenten-in-2026>

Citizenship education in VET: The MBO Council on the plan of Education Minister Dijkgraaf to start examining the subject of Citizenship from 2026. The MBO Council regards the idea of completing citizenship with an unsatisfactory, satisfactory or good as highly undesirable

<https://www.mбораad.nl/nieuws/mbo-raad-kritisch-op-plan-examinering-burgerschap>

Solid basis for expected decline in student numbers: On Wednesday 10 April, the MBO Council presented the Benchmark MBO 2022 to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Culture and Science. The benchmark provides information about the performance of the MBO schools. For this benchmark, almost all MBO schools participated.

<https://www.mбораad.nl/nieuws/benchmark-mbo-2022-solide-basis-daling-studentenaantallen>

Basic Figures for Youth and the Regional Sketches 2023 published by UWV and the Cooperation Organisation for Vocational Education and the Labour Market (SBB)

<https://www.s-bb.nl/nieuws/werk-als-verzorgende-ig-monteur-en-gastheer-of-vrouw-meest-kansrijk-voor-mbo-studenten/>

Recognition through Practical Statement

<https://www.s-bb.nl/nieuws/mijlpaal-al-10000-mensen-kregen-erkenning-voor-hun-praktische-vaardigheden-door-de-praktijkverklaring/>

Assessment to classify study programmes for life long learning

<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2024/04/09/beter-inzicht-in-opleidingsniveau-voor-een-leven-lang-ontwikkelen>

The MBO Council, the Cooperation Organisation for Vocational Education and the Labour Market (SBB) and the Employee Insurance Agency (UWV) are joining forces to tackle the shortages in the labour market.

<https://www.mбораad.nl/nieuws/samenwerkingsagenda-mbo-raad-sbb-en-uwv>

## Turkey

Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR) supports secondary high school graduates, develops new tools and provides sign language training for job and employment counsellors

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/turkish-employment-agency-iskur-supports-secondary-high-school-graduates-develops-new-tools-and>

## Ukraine

DAAD establishes Ukraine Competence Centres, Interview with G. Zimmermann

<https://www.daad.de/de/der-daad/kommunikation-publikationen/presse/pressemitteilungen/2024/daad-foerdert-interdisziplinaere-ukrainestudien/>

## Save the Date

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17/04/2024: VET in action – Evidence from implementing EU priorities in national VET plans. Virtual get-together, Cedefop and ReferNet on how countries implement their national implementation plans (NIPs) to address the common EU priorities.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/events/vet-action-evidence-implementing-eu-priorities-national-vet-plans>

5-6/06/2024: Conference: Vocational Excellence for a Green Europe. This conference is part of the GREENOVET project in the frame of ERASMUS+ KA3 with 18 project partners from 4 European countries.

<https://www.greentech.at/en/greenovet-conference/>

12-14/06/2024: Eurochambres Congress 2024

<https://www.eurochambres.eu/eurochambres-congress-2024/>

17/09/2024: EHB-OBS-Tagung: Qualifikationsverfahren auf dem Prüfstand

<https://www.ehb.swiss/veranstaltungen/ehb-obs-tagung-qualifikationsverfahren-auf-dem-pruefstand>



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