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Europe

European Commission

Info session - Centres of Vocational Excellence 2026: Presentation and recording are now available!

https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/info-session-centres-vocational-excellence-2026-presentation-and-recording-are-now-available-2026-03-27_en A new Youth Wiki report maps housing affordability challenges for young people in 34 countries, highlighting policy gaps and solutions to improve access to quality housing.

https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/new-youth-wiki-report-housing-affordability-young-people-europe-comparative-overview-2026-03-30_en

European Parliament

EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027 (EUYS): Taking stock and the way forward. This European implementation assessment was prepared at the request of the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education (CULT) to support the drafting of the CULT implementation report on the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027.

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document/EPRS_STU\(2026\)774716](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document/EPRS_STU(2026)774716)



Cedefop

Europe's learning systems in 2040: new Cedefop research maps five policy scenarios

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/bridging-borders-through-data-more-competitive-europe>

New in Cedefop's online tool dedicated to National Qualifications Frameworks (NQF) is the updated data on eight EU neighbouring countries where the European Training Foundation works, which are candidates for EU accession.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/bridging-borders-through-data-more-competitive-europe>

European Training Foundation (ETF)

ETF announce the finalists of the ETF New Learning Award 2026, a competition aiming to collect and recognise innovative and creative teaching and learning approaches and resources helping learners to develop key competences across subjects and in real-life contexts.

https://openspace.etf.europa.eu/newlearningaward2026?utm_source=brevo&utm_campaign=Newsletter%20Community%20Educators%20Apr%2026&utm_medium=email

EfVET

EfVET Strengthens Cooperation with Microsoft to Advance AI Skills in TVET: New Course Program

<https://efvet.org/efvet-strengthens-cooperation-with-microsoft-to-advance-ai-skills-in-tvet-new-course-program/>

International

VETresearch

The Missing Link: Technological Change, Dual VET, and Social Policy Preferences

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/403569311_The_Missing_Link_Technological_Change_Dual_VET_and_Social_Policy_Preferences

PhD Candidates on Addressing Skill Imbalances in VET Occupations. A collaboration between the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) and Maastricht University

<https://www.academictransfer.com/nl/jobs/360362/phd-candidates-on-addressing-skill-imbalances-in-vet-occupations/>

Connecting for impact: aligning productivity, participation and skills

<https://www.voced.edu.au/content/ngv%3A104279>

OECD

Anticipating Skill Needs and Adapting Higher Education. This report examines how countries assess and forecast future skill needs through Skills Assessment and Anticipation (SAA) exercises.

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/anticipating-skill-needs-and-adapting-higher-education_827b3ca4-en.html



Our World in Data

How is your country's population changing, and what's driving it?

https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/population-by-age-group?country=~USA&utm_source=OWID+Newsletter&utm_campaign=419f78d898-owid-brief-2026-04-10&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-0c7f305164-599304701

ILO

ECOSOC Youth Forum 2026: Partnerships and financing for youth

<https://live.ilo.org/event/ecosoc-youth-forum-2026-partnerships-and-financing-youth-2026-04-16>

Countries

ASEAN

International Handbook of Vocational Education and Training: ASEAN – Association of Southeast Asian Nations

<https://www.bibb.de/dienst/publikationen/de/20768>

Australia

The Timeline of Australian VET policy initiatives has been updated to include 2025 content.

<https://www.voced.edu.au/vet-knowledge-bank-timeline-australian-vet-policy-initiatives>

NEETs around the world: VOCEDplus contains more than 400 publications about NEETs

https://www.voced.edu.au/search/site/sm_metadata.keyterm%3A%22NEET%22?solrsort=ss_dateNormalized

Austria

Apprenticeship Monitor reveals: Good training companies remain good – and bad ones remain bad

<https://www.oegb.at/themen/jugend-und-bildung/lehre-und-ausbildung/lehrlingsmonitor--lehre-muss-motivieren--nicht-frustrieren>

The 'Silent Face' phenomenon: When apprentices fail to show any facial expressions

<https://ausbildungtogo.podigee.io/105-das-silent-face-phanomen-wenn-die-mimik-der-auszubildenden-fehlt>

Basic AI training for vocational schools: the free Copilot Challenge Austria 2026

<https://talentslounge.com/copilot-challenge-austria-2026/>

Cambodsha

How can technical education in Cambodia become more practical – and what role do teachers play in this?

<https://ncp-twinning.de/2026/04/07/wie-kann-technische-bildung-in-kambodscha-praxisnaeher-werden-und-welche-rolle-spielen-lehrkraefte-dabei/>

Estonia

Conference 'Green Skills – From Actions to the Future': a summary of the Green Skills programme's activities and outcomes to date, and an explanation of how Green Skills supports the Estonian education system and economy in the long term.

<https://www.hm.ee/uudised/roheoskuste-programm-nuginud-ettevotteid-arendama-rohepoordeks-vajalikke-oskusi>



Finland

The popularity of training-related stays abroad is increasing slightly in vocational education and training. The number of people leaving and arriving in Finland rose in 2025 compared with the previous year. More than 90 per cent of international mobility in vocational education and training from Finland takes place through the Erasmus+ programme

and is mainly directed towards European countries.

<https://www.oph.fi/fi/uutiset/2026/ulkomaanjaksot-kiinnostavat-ammattillisessa-koulutuksessa-opiskelijaliikkuvuuksien>

Reform of general education: The amendment to the law concerning the guarantee of competence has just been submitted to Parliament. The Finnish National Agency for Education will update the core curriculum for basic education, primarily in the sections relating to assessment.

<https://www.oph.fi/fi/uutiset/2026/perusopetuksen-osaamistakuu-uudistaa-oppilaiden-arviointia>

Latvia

On April 15, the Ministry of Education and Science (MoES), in cooperation with the State Education Development Agency, announces a new national-scale initiative on artificial intelligence (AI) in education and its first program on AI in general and vocational education. The program's goal is to ensure by 2030 that Latvian students, teachers, and educational institution leaders are skilled and responsible AI users

<https://www.izm.gov.lv/en/article/latvia-launches-national-artificial-intelligence-program-schools>

Lithuania

Project to evaluate teacher performance and modernise the education data system is launched

<https://www.nsa.smsm.lt/2026/04/15/pradedamas-igyvendinti-inovatyvus-projektas-pedagogu-veiklos-vertinimui-ir-svietimo-duomenu-sistemai-modernizuoti/>

Luxembourg

From the 2026/2027 academic year onwards, high school graduates will be able to undertake a one-year vocational training course leading to the *Diplôme d'aptitude professionnelle* (DAP, vocational aptitude diploma). The one-year professional aptitude diploma (DAP) will be offered in seven trades.

<https://gouvernement.lu/en/gouvernement/claude-meisch/actualites.gouvernement2024+fr+actualites+toutes+actualites+communiqués+2026+01-janvier+26-meisch-dap.html>

An increase in apprenticeship subsidies and a bonus for trainers

<https://gouvernement.lu/en/gouvernement/claude-meisch/actualites.gouvernement2024+fr+actualites+toutes+actualites+communiqués+2026+02-fevrier+09-formation-professionnelle.html>

Luxembourg is actively preparing for the 2027 EuroSkills competition in Düsseldorf

<https://men.public.lu/fr/actualites/communiqués-conference-presse/2026/03/26-luxembourg-prepare-euroskills.html>

Norway

Study Barometer for Tertiary Vocational Schools now tailored to the specific nature of tertiary vocational schools: the new format is intended to provide a better foundation for high-quality development in higher vocational education

<https://hkdir.no/aktuelt/vi-har-forbedret-studiebarometeret-for-fagskoler>

More people are attending vocational schools, but fewer are changing jobs

<https://hkdir.no/aktuelt/flere-tar-fagskole-men-faerre-bytter-jobb>

Poland

What works in education? The *Teaching and Learning Toolkit* helps schools and teachers apply scientific evidence in their teaching practice and has been adapted to the Polish context. Each strategy was analysed on the basis of three criteria: effectiveness (impact on pupils' educational outcomes), implementation costs (the expenditure of money, time and effort required to organise the activities) and the credibility of the evidence (how robust the conclusions of the studies on which the strategy is based are, and how much uncertainty surrounds the results).

<https://przewodnik.ibe.edu.pl/>

Switzerland

Alliance partner conference on 24 March 2026: Key issues regarding the appeal of vocational education and training – a practical perspective

<https://tbbk-ctfp.ch/de/gremienstruktur/dialogforen/vpt-2026>

Swissnex Annual Report 2025: Strengthening Switzerland's Global Position in Education, Research, and Innovation

https://www.sbf.admin.ch/en/newsb/6Lf6PKQX94xl-VJ_Gau8M

The Netherlands

The State of Education 2026 report is published in April.

<https://www.onderwijsinspectie.nl/onderwerpen/onderzoeken/staat-van-het-onderwijs>

The State of Education 2026 shows that the efforts made by vocational schools to improve quality are beginning to bear fruit. At the same time, the challenges are as great as ever: pupils' support needs are increasing in both scale and complexity, and basic skills remain under pressure.

<https://www.mбораad.nl/nieuws/kabinet-kom-actie-voor-de-uitdagingen-het-mbo>

The report 'Basic Agreements on Regional Cooperation in Care and Welfare for VET Students' sets out 12 agreements between VET schools, local authorities and the national government regarding the early identification of problems and the organisation of appropriate support, preferably within the school.

<https://www.mбораad.nl/nieuws/samen-sterk-voor-gezondheid-en-welzijn-van-mbo-studenten>

Save the Date

24/04/2026: IAB/OECD-Event: The rocky road to each other – Trainees and apprentices during the economic downturn, Friends of OECD - Online

<https://events.oecd-berlin.de/441>

28/04/2026: The “New Era: From Strategy to Practice – Training and Exchange Lab” is the first face to face event organised by EfVET; Trento (Italy)

<https://efvet.org/event/new-era-from-strategy-to-practice-training-and-exchange-lab/>

26-28/05/2026: EfVET Global VET Thematic Team Annual Event 2026: "Skills for a Competitive Europe"

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe33S4uOiFhPrWhCpXa-1sFH9yifbVMYcWxLD4UTVJJzY8BUUw/viewform>



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