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Europe

European Union

On 9 May, Europe Day, the European Commission officially launched the European Year of Competences. EU Member States have set themselves the target of achieving an employment rate of 78 per cent and a continuing education rate of 60 per cent of adults per year by 2030.

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

A new Eurobarometer survey released today shows that traineeships are an important stepping stone for young people into the labour market. A clear majority of young Europeans (76%) participating in the survey overall agree, that they learnt things that are useful professionally during their traineeship.

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&furtherNews=yes&newsId=10566>

The next European elections will take place from 6 to 9 June 2024. The election of MEPs takes place every five years. They decide on the composition of the approximately 700 seats in the EU Parliament.

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/de/press-room/20230424IPR82001/2024-elections-president-metsola-vote-do-not-let-someone-else-choose-for-you>

CEDEFOP

Developing skills and improving jobs so that they make best use of these skills are two crucial elements when it comes to increasing the performance of organisations, according to a recent report presented at the first Cedefop virtual get together on 27 April.



<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/building-skills-and-upgrading-jobs-go-together>

European Training Foundation

Podcast: Education on the brink: Why a global vision is crucial

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/multimedia/podcasts/27-education-brink-why-global-vision-crucial>

EACEA Eurydice

Mobility Scoreboard: Higher education background report -2022/2023

<https://eurydice.eacea.ec.europa.eu/publications/mobility-scoreboard-higher-education-background-report-20222023>

International organisations

UNESCO-UNEVOC

Resilience project paves the way for stronger TVET

<https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Resilience+project+paves+the+way+for+stronger+TVET>

Retrospective: UNESCO-UNEVOC Digital Transformation Hub Seminar Series 2023. How Europe is addressing the digital education challenge: DigComp, DigCompEdu and SELFIE

<https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Digital+Transformation+Hub+Seminar+Series+2023>

BILT Expert Group on the dual transition in the hospitality and tourism sector

<https://unevoc.unesco.org/bilt/BILT+Expert+Group+--+dual+transition+hospitality+and+tourism>

ILO

World Employment and Social Outlook 2023

<https://www.ilo.org/digitalguides/en-gb/story/weso2023-key-workers#home>

Report: Quality Apprenticeships Recommendation: This report contains a summary of the observations made by governments and by employers' and workers' organizations

https://www.ilo.org/ilc/ILCSessions/111/reports/reports-to-the-conference/WCMS_869186/lang--en/index.htm

Quality Apprenticeship and Lifelong Learning in China: The project provides capacity building on quality apprenticeship, skill anticipation and matching, and core skill development with focuses on social inclusion and the green transition. 1 February 2023 - 31 December 2025

https://www.ilo.org/beijing/what-we-do/projects/WCMS_867915/lang--en/index.htm

Countries

Austria

Specialist training by Jugend am Werk started on 11 April. The basic training in cooking for gastronomy and tourism also counteracts the shortage of staff in the hospitality industry.

<https://www.jaw.at/de/dienstleistungen/ausbildung/73/Lehrabschluss-nachholen>

Cooperation of practical vocational orientation with the sensory lab of the Wiener Tafel: People with learning difficulties take on the role of experts and independently supervise stations related to the senses of sight, touch, smell, hearing and taste.



<https://wienertafel.at/sensorik-labor/>

Successful cooperation of vocational integration with BILLA

<https://www.jaw.at/de/aktuelles/387/Erfolgreiche-Kooperation-der-beruflichen-Integration-mit-BILLA>

Denmark

All school pupils will now have the opportunity to swap their primary school subjects for electives in vocational education and training. In the 8th and 9th grades they can swap subjects in primary school with electives in vocational education and training. Previous experiments with such programmes have increased pupils' motivation to attend school and encouraged them to pursue secondary education.

<https://www.uvm.dk/aktuelt/nyheder/uvm/2023/maj/230501-nu-faar-alle-skoleelever-mulighed-for-skifte-fag-i-folkeskolen>

„Work experience for school pupils is only a small part of the solution“ Speech by Minister for Children and Education Mattias Tesfaye published in Jyllands-Posten on Friday 28 April 2023.

<https://www.uvm.dk/aktuelt/nyheder/uvm/indlaeg-og-taler-af-m/2023/230428-ehvervspraktik-til-skoleelever-er-kun-en-lille-del-af-loesningen>

The Danish Government and a broad majority in Parliament have announced a major financial boost for basic VET programmes (FGU), adult and continuing education, and youth education in rural areas.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/denmark-major-financial-boost-rural-areas>

Estonia

Watch: IX Trainers' Non-Conference "Trainer's Skills Today and Tomorrow". (in Estonian)

On 17 May the IX. Non-conference for trainers, organised in cooperation with the Estonian Chamber of Professions/EPALE Centre in Estonia, the Estonian Association of Adult Educators Andras and the Estonian Association of Training and Consulting Companies.

<https://epale.ec.europa.eu/et/blog/vaata-otse-ix-koolitajate-mittekonverents-koolitaja-oskused-tana-ja-homme>

Adult Education Recognition Contest

<https://epale.ec.europa.eu/et/content/marka-ja-esita-taiskasvanuhariduse-tunnustuskonkursile>

Finland

More VET provided in English

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/finland-more-vet-provided-english>

The variety of different forms of text and information in our daily lives is exploding. “Literacy as a concept also needs to expand,” argues Finnish literacy researcher Sari Sulkunen.

<https://elmmagazine.eu/future-of-literacy/future-of-literacy-diverse-and-complex/>

Illiteracy – a forgotten problem in Europe?

<https://elmmagazine.eu/future-of-literacy/illiteracy-a-forgotten-problem-in-europe/>

Germany

International Handbook of Vocational Education and Training Country study Sweden published

<https://www.bibb.de/dienst/publikationen/de/18911>

AHK World Business Outlook Spring 2023

<https://www.dihk.de/en/international/ahk-world-business-outlook-spring-2023-94852>

Iceland

An amendment to the regulation on licensed trades simplifies access to some of them

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/iceland-easing-access-employment-ivet-learners>

Nordics

Publication: Gender perspective on green jobs in the Nordic region. A collection of results from NIKK 2020–2022

<https://www.norden.org/en/publication/gender-perspective-green-jobs-nordic-region>

We must invest more in language teaching for children with a different linguistic and cultural background in the Nordic countries. This was the conclusion that Nordic ministers for education reached during their discussions on the importance of education for inclusion and development.

<https://www.norden.org/en/news/language-key-society-and-society-key-language>

Serbia

A pilot training for a second module of the Media Literacy Competency Framework was held in Belgrade

<https://epale.ec.europa.eu/en/content/pilot-training-second-module-media-literacy-competency-framework-was-held-belgrade>

Sweden

A total of almost SEK 90 million will be allocated for the development of climate change competences in the business sector. Courses and educational programmes are developed by universities, industry and other cooperation partners and adapted with a focus on the needs of professionals.

Switzerland

Digital participation of learners with disabilities in vocational training

<https://transfer.vet/ungeschoepfte-potenziale/>

Shaping one's own professional biography: Reflection scenarios on interdisciplinary entrepreneurship competences

<https://transfer.vet/die-eigene-berufsbiografie-gestalten/>

Student Driven Studies – eine Diplomstudiengangvariante an der EHB.

<https://transfer.vet/das-studium-wird-zum-selbststudium/>

The French-speaking cantons have varying degrees of difficulty with vocational education and training. In the canton of Geneva, just 21 per cent of young people go through a dual apprenticeship, and the average age for entry is around 20. This article analyses the reasons for this and outlines a number of measures that the canton has introduced.

<https://transfer.vet/genf-setzt-sich-fuer-die-aufwertung-der-berufsbildung-ein/>

Türkiye

Public Education Centers Information Network: Introduction of the Turkish Digital Education Platform "HEMBA"

<https://epale.ec.europa.eu/en/content/public-education-courses-are-transferred-digital-environment-through-hemba>

The Netherlands

De Waarmakerskast – The student takes control of this new way of learning

<https://www.expertisepuntburgerschap.nl/nieuwsartikel/de-waarmakerskast-de-student-pakt-de-regie-bij-deze-nieuwe-manier-van-leren/>

Movisie networks organisations and initiatives that support young adults with complex issues. What are success factors, what are the experiences, how did they come about and how can they continue?
https://www.movisie.nl/artikel/gezocht-veelbelovende-initiatieven-jongvolwassenen?utm_campaign=MovisieMail&utm_content=30032023&utm_source=Nieuwsbrief&utm_medium=email

UK

Scottish Apprenticeships Performance Report Skills for Scotland
<https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/media/49999/scottish-apprenticeships-performance-report-2023.pdf>

Events

23/05/2023: Automation, AI and Learning Analytics in VET - Opportunities and Risks, PH Zurich and SGAB
<https://sgab-srfp.ch/automatisierung-ki-und-learning-analytics-in-der-berufsbildung-chancen-und-risiken/>

24/05/2023: Year of Skills. Maximising the potential of digital for people and companies
DIGITALEUROPE, 10:30-12:00 CET, online
https://year-of-skills.europa.eu/events-and-activities/year-skills-unlocking-potential-digital-people-and-companies-2023-05-24_en

24/05/2023: Kick-off Webinar: Promoting skills for work and life! UNESCO-UNEVOC and HP LIFE
<https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/HP+LIFE+Entrepreneurship+Learning+for+UNEVOC+Centres>

05/06/2023: Competence Point Basic Skills presents Research Agenda 2023.
<https://www.movisie.nl/agenda/expertisepunt-basisvaardigheden-presenteert-onderzoeksagenda-2023>



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