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Europe

EU

Evaluation of European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning and Europass-Tool. Findings: Europass: the lack of support for future employers to evaluate the authenticity of the qualifications or experience provided by applicants. EQF: Limited awareness of the EQF among companies

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2024%3A135%3AFIN&qid=1711376845837>

Retrospective: Global Gateway High-Level Education Event with a session: Gearing up VET and higher education for the future

https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/global-gateway-high-level-event-education_en

Global Gateway: The EU launches new regional initiatives in Africa to boost youth mobility and skills, including the unique Africa-Europe Youth Academy

https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/global-gateway-eu-launches-new-regional-initiatives-africa-boost-youth-mobility-and-skills-including-2024-04-11_en?prefLang=de

Annual report on intra-EU labour mobility 2023 published

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&furtherNews=yes&newsId=10788>

EU and Nigeria boost cooperation on research and learning mobility

https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/eu-and-nigeria-boost-cooperation-research-and-learning-mobility-2024-04-11_en

EU and Zambia strengthen cooperation on education and research

https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/eu-and-zambia-strengthen-cooperation-education-and-research-2024-04-11_en

The European Commission has mobilised more funds for Horizon Europe, the EU's research and innovation programme, by amending the 2023-2024 work programme.

https://germany.representation.ec.europa.eu/news/mehr-budget-fur-horizont-europa-kommission-mobilisiert-mehr-mittel-fur-forschung-und-innovation-2024-04-17_de

Third EU-US Ministerial Trade and Labour Dialogue meeting discusses inclusiveness in the green transition and future cooperation

https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/news/third-eu-us-ministerial-trade-and-labour-dialogue-meeting-discusses-inclusiveness-green-transition-2024-04-04_en

International research project Skills2Capabilities - Horizon Europe with BIBB as project partner

https://de.linkedin.com/posts/bundesinstitut-f%C3%BCr-berufsbildung_horizon-skills-capabilities-activity-7184189346479022080-UkpX



Council of Europe

New Guidance on Integrating Democratic Competences in Vocational Education and Training Announced

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/reference-framework-of-competences-for-democratic-culture/-/new-guidance-on-integrating-democratic-competences-in-vocational-education-and-training-announced>

Cedefop

Representatives from 23 European Union Member States have met to prepare the 2025 release of Cedefop's Skills forecast

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/cedefops-skills-forecast-going-strong-its-20th-year>

Retrospective: A snapshot of European VET and future priorities

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/snapshot-european-vet-and-future-priorities>

EAM

Retrospective: General Assembly on the Mobility of Apprentice on 3 and 4 April 2024

<https://www.euroappmobility.eu/en/article/back-from-brussels-the-general-assembly-on-the-mobility-of-apprentice-3-and-4-april-2024/>

International Organisation

OECD

PISA Vocational Education and Training (VET): Assessment and Analytical Framework

https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/education/pisa-vocational-education-and-training-vet_b0d5aaf9-en;jsessionid=rrVh5ZvxUWDppl7yXjIC02HZtvPg-AjSCVWXw2Ax.ip-10-240-5-43

Publication: Towards More Diverse and Flexible International Large-Scale Assessments

[https://one.oecd.org/document/EDU/WKP\(2024\)5/en/pdf](https://one.oecd.org/document/EDU/WKP(2024)5/en/pdf)



International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

Study simulates collapse of the WTO

<https://iccwbo.org/news-publications/policies-reports/Study-shows-WTO-collapse-could-slash-exports-of-developing-countries-by-33-percent/>

Countries

Austria

Exceptional apprenticeship diploma – springboard for careers

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/austria-exceptional-apprenticeship-diploma-springboard-careers>

Estonia

Better ICT and engineering skills in VET by 2029

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/estonia-better-ict-and-engineering-skills-vet-2029>



Finland

More flexibility and skills for the green and digital transitions

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/finland-more-flexibility-and-skills-green-and-digital-transitions>

France

Certification: Towards a New Training Paradigm?

<https://www.cairn.info/revue-formation-emploi-2023-3.htm>

Education policy in France: Are austerity measures dampening inclusion?

<https://www.deutschlandfunk.de/bildungspolitik-in-frankreich-daempfen-sparmassnahmen-die-inklusion-dlf-0e255e96-100.html>

Germany

Amendment of the Skilled Labour Immigration Act supports immigration

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/germany-amendment-skilled-labour-immigration-act-supports-immigration>

Skilled labour shortage. Why Germany is so unattractive for international skilled workers

<https://www.deutschlandfunk.de/internationale-fachkraefte-deutschland-100.html>

Latvia:

Renewed collaboration on VET with Germany

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/latvia-renewed-collaboration-vet-germany>

Nordics

The study „Effective and Equitable Teacher Practice in Mathematics and Science Education. A Nordic Perspective Across Time and Groups of Students” reveals a decline of the quality of teaching and changes in classroom composition over time.

<https://www.norden.org/en/news/quality-teaching-and-classroom-composition-influence-students-performance-nordic-region>

Switzerland

Evaluation confirms positive effects: The free viamia career assessment and counselling service has been successfully implemented in all Swiss cantons.

<https://transfer.vet/viamia-schweizweit-erfolgreich-implementiert/>

About twenty years ago, the American psychologist Angela Duckworth coined the term ‘grit’, which combines the personality traits of perseverance and passion. These traits are important predictors of success in education and on the labour market, as a study shows

<https://www.iza.org/publications/dp/16945/imprint>

Survey experiment by the University of Bern. Do parents hinder a gender-neutral career choice?

<https://www.iza.org/publications/dp/16955/are-parents-an-obstacle-to-gender-atypical-occupational-choices>

Slovakia

How to mitigate the Detroit syndrome in the automotive sector

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/slovakia-how-mitigate-detroit-syndrome-automotive-sector>

The Netherlands

Citizenship education exam mandatory for MBO students in 2026

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

Save the Date

06-08/05/2024: 5th VPL Biennale. People, validation and power: democracy in action?

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/events/5th-vpl-biennale>

08/05/2024: In celebration of the European Year of Skills, Skills Horizons presents a curated selection of Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 projects.

<https://skillshorizons.fcs.unl.pt/>

22-24/05/2024: The event 2024. The European Agenda for the Future of VET: A Training Providers Statement! Hosted by EfVET, EVBB, and EVTA
<https://future-of-vet.b2match.io/>

28/05/2024: As the [European Year of Skills](#) comes to a close, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training ([Cedefop](#)) is organizing a special online event for press and media. The event aims to reflect on the importance of skills for Europe's competitiveness and resilience, and the impact of the campaign in raising awareness and delivering crucial information and data that can keep vocational training and skills high up in the EU agenda. Please confirm your participation by Friday the 26th of April 2024 via email to Cedefop's Press officer, Polyzoidis Panos Panos.POLYZOIDIS@cedefop.europa.eu

12-14/06/2024: Eurochambres Congress 2024 among others a Panel discussion: Chambers' role in tackling skills shortages
<https://www.eurochambres.eu/eurochambres-congress-2024/>

11-12/09/2024: WorldSkills Conference 2024 „Moving TVET to the top of the global agenda“
<https://worldskillsconference2024.com/updates/secure-priority-access-for-worldskills-conference-2024-2/>

19-24/10/2024: 27th European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI) incl. an “International Workshop on AI in Education and Education Research (AIEER)”
https://www.bibb.de/de/187060.php?trk=public_post_comment-text



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