

## REFERNET VETNEWS INTERNATIONAL

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### Europe

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#### European Commission

Remarks by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu at the European Parliament Plenary debate on the Union of Skills

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech\\_25\\_779](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_25_779)

EMPL hearing: Artificial intelligence at the workplace

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/artificial-intelligence-at-the-workplace/product-details/20250428CHE13084>

AccessibleEU is monitoring accessibility in Europe. Indicator 6: Trainings

[https://accessible-eu-centre.ec.europa.eu/accessibility-monitoring\\_en](https://accessible-eu-centre.ec.europa.eu/accessibility-monitoring_en)

Eurobarometer shows record high trust in the EU

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_25\\_1318](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1318)

#### Cedefop

New vacancy - ReferNet Traineeship 2025



<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/about-cedefop/job-opportunities/vacancies/traineeships-2025>

Call for tenders: Quality assurance in formal continuing vocational education and training (CVET)

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/about-cedefop/public-procurement/quality-assurance-formal-continuing-vocational-education-and-training-cvet>

Cedefop has launched a strategic vision that positions skills policy as the cornerstone of Europe's transformation: "Shaping Learning and Skills for Europe: A Time for Commitment"

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications/4223>

## EfVET

Shaping AI as a Public Good in Education

<https://efvet.org/shaping-ai-as-a-public-good-in-education-edeh-webinar/>

## European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA)

EAEA's Kihrer: Strengthening the links between policy, practice and research

<https://elmmagazine.eu/eaas-kihrer-strengthening-the-links-between-policy-practice-and-research/>

## International

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### OECD

The State of Global Teenage Career Preparation: Students' career aspirations do not reflect education plans or labour market demand, says OECD

<https://www.oecd.org/en/about/news/press-releases/2025/05/the-state-of-global-teenage-career-preparation.html>

Report: Gender Differences in Education, Skills and STEM Careers in Latin America and the Caribbean: Insights from PISA and PIAAC

[https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/gender-differences-in-education-skills-and-stem-careers-in-latin-america-and-the-caribbean\\_4ea07281-en.html](https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/gender-differences-in-education-skills-and-stem-careers-in-latin-america-and-the-caribbean_4ea07281-en.html)

OECD Survey on Social and Emotional Skills 2023

[https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/oecd-survey-on-social-and-emotional-skills-2023-technical-report\\_c37f1703-en.html](https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/oecd-survey-on-social-and-emotional-skills-2023-technical-report_c37f1703-en.html)

This report introduces the OECD's beta AI Capability Indicators to understand AI's potential impacts on education, work, public affairs and private life.

[https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/introducing-the-oecd-ai-capability-indicators\\_be745f04-en.html](https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/introducing-the-oecd-ai-capability-indicators_be745f04-en.html)



OECD calls for an ambitious approach to protect and empower children online

<https://www.oecd.org/en/about/news/press-releases/2025/05/oecd-calls-for-an-ambitious-approach-to-protect-and-empower-children-online.html>

### UNESCO-UNEVOC

Inclusion in TVET: a practical guide for formal, non-formal and informal TVET institutions

<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000393633>

### ILO

Launch of the book Contemporary Employers Organizations

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/launch-book-contemporary-employers-organizations>

During the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2025, young refugees shared stories of their innovative actions in their communities and advocated for stronger global commitment to promote socio-economic inclusion for displaced youth.

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/young-refugees-urge-bold-investment-leadership-education-and-economic>

### University of Derby

Asian-Anglo Lecture Series – between Vocational and Higher Education

<https://www.derby.ac.uk/research/centres-groups/educational-research-and-innovation/events/asian-anglo-lecture-series/>

## Countries

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### Austria

Implementation of higher VET Act picks up speed

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/austria-implementation-higher-vet-act-picks-speed>

### Belgium

Wallonia trains its workforce in AI

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/belgium-wallonia-trains-its-workforce-ai>

Advice on the preliminary draft of a decree amending various decrees in the policy area of general and vocational education and on the preliminary draft of a decree of the Flemish Government amending various decisions of the Flemish Government, both relating to the functioning of the Flemish Education Inspectorate

<https://www.vlor.be/adviezen/sterke-onafhankelijke-onderwijsinspectie-totaalaanpak-voor-kwaliteitsvol-onderwijs>



### Bulgaria

From schools to innovation hubs – 28 vocational schools become CoVEs

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/bulgaria-schools-innovation-hubs-28-vocational-schools-become-coves>

### Croatia

OECD-Reviews of National Policies for Education: Education and Skills in Croatia

[https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/education-and-skills-in-croatia\\_bace00c4-en.html](https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/education-and-skills-in-croatia_bace00c4-en.html)

### Czechia

New lyceum programme to balance general and vocational secondary education pathways

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/czechia-new-lyceum-programme-balance-general-and-vocational-secondary-education-pathways>

## Denmark

Major investments to reduce dropout rates in VET

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/denmark-major-investments-reduce-dropout-rates-vet>

Guide for educational institutions on the legal use of AI

<https://www.uvm.dk/aktuelt/nyheder/uvm/2025/maj/250527-vejledning-til-uddannelsesinstitutioner-om-lovlig-brug-af-ai-uvm-dk>

## Germany

After the federal elections, responsibility at federal level for vocational education and training, lifelong learning and related educational research and funding, including all matters relating to the BIBB, will be transferred to the Federal Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMBFSJ).

<https://www.bundesregierung.de/resource/blob/2196306/2345476/cdff731d8650c3ea9281853dedf46d2c/2025-05-06-organisationserlass-data.pdf>

## Ireland

Advanced manufacturing training centre of excellence (AMTCE) officially opens

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/ireland-advanced-manufacturing-training-centre-excellence-amtce-officially-opens>

## Lithuania

Inclusion and opportunities for all VET students

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/lithuania-inclusion-and-opportunities-all-vet-students>

## Norway

New spring for higher vocational education

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/norway-new-spring-higher-vocational-education>

## Poland

New publication: Vocational education and training in Poland

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/vocational-education-and-training-poland-0>

## Romania

OECD-Reviews of National Policies for Education: Education and Skills in Romania

[https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/education-and-skills-in-romania\\_594cbb5d-en.html](https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/education-and-skills-in-romania_594cbb5d-en.html)

## The Netherlands

Fall of the Schoof cabinet: postponement of MBO plans

<https://mbo-today.nl/val-kabinet-schoof-uitstel-voor-mbo-plannen/>

Employers want more appreciation for contribution to vocational training. Commissioned by the national employers' organisations VNO-NCW/MKB Nederland, ResearchNed has investigated the contributions employers make to internships for VMBO students, MBO students in the vocational

training pathway (BOL) and HBO students.

<https://mbo-today.nl/werkgevers-willen-meer-waardering-voor-bijdrage-aan-vakopleidingen/>

Agricultural innovations: VET students engage in green research

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/netherlands-agricultural-innovations-vet-students-engage-green-research>

In his book Blue Collar Bonanza, journalist Paul van Liempt predicts a golden future for professionals. 'Practically educated people are winning.'

<https://mbo-today.nl/gouden-tijden-voor-vakmensen-voorspeld/>

## Viet Nam

Supporting career pathways for young people in Viet Nam's green economy

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/supporting-career-pathways-young-people-viet-nam%E2%80%99s-green-economy>

## Save the Date

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13/06/2025: Cedefop's conference on the impact of learning outcomes on teaching and learning

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/LearningOutcomes2025>

18/06/2025: Digital Peer Review for Green and Digital VET Final Conference; Erasmus+ KA2 project; explore key topics in Quality Assurance, Digital Transformation, and Green Skills in VET.

<https://efvet.org/events/digital-peer-review-for-green-and-digital-vet-final-conference/>

22-25/10/2025: 34th EfVET Annual Conference - A Learning Platform for VET: "Well-Being in a Digitalised World: Crafting the Future of VET 2035" in Portugal.

<https://whova.com/web/sXOM8WO8MtLiVKWnktnu2cZkr3Z@5qnLi9KOPccAJ4w=/>

18-20/05/2027: 7th Crossing Boundaries Conference: Learning Across Continents: Conversations in a divided world; European Research Network Vocational Education and Training (VETNET)

<https://vetnetsite.org/2025/05/26/save-the-date-the-7th-crossing-boundaries-conference-will-take-place-from-18-to-20-may-2027-in-johannesburg-south-africa/>



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