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Europe

European Union

The TRANSVAL-EU project is drawing to a close. In Poland, the field trial of the validation of transversal competences has been completed in March 2023. Preliminary findings from our country, Austria, Belgium, Lithuania and Italy were presented at a research conference held on 18-19 April in Paris.

<https://www.transvalproject.eu/presenting-preliminary-findings-from-the-polish-field-trial-in-paris-and-stockholm/>



On Wednesday 26 April 2023, the new 1st Vice president of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs was elected. The S&D political group nominated new candidate Alicia Homs Ginel and during EMPL committee meeting she was elected as 1st Vice-President of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs by acclamation.

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/alicia-homs-ginel-is-elected-as-new-1st-/product-details/20230426CAN69589>

CEDEFOP

Cedefop invites VET practitioners, in particular teachers, in-company trainers, school principals and curriculum coordinators, to contribute actively to the discussion at European Union level and to help shape future practice by taking part in a dedicated survey.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/vet-practitioners-voice-be-heard>

European Training Foundation

Commissioner Schmit visits the ETF in the European Year of Skills

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/commissioner-schmit-visits-etf-european-year-skills>

Second round of ETF-Eurofound survey launched: Documenting living and working conditions in post-Covid Europe and beyond

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/second-round-etf-eurofound-survey-launched-documenting-living-and-working>

European Institute for Gender Equality

Unpaid care: Around one third of women and men struggle to strike a work-life balance in the EU

https://eige.europa.eu/newsroom/news/unpaid-care-around-one-third-women-and-men-struggle-strike-work-life-balance-eu?language_content_entity=en

International organisations

UNESCO-UNEVOC

UNESCO-UNEVOC and HP LIFE: Promoting skills for work and life

<https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/HP+LIFE+Entrepreneurship+Learning+for+UNEVOC+Centres>

In 2023, the Bridging Innovation and Learning in TVET (BILT) project has a new focus on the impact of the dual green and digital transition on skills needs for the hospitality and tourism sector and the TVET system.

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

Resilience project paves the way for stronger TVET: UNESCO-UNEVOC implemented a project titled Building resilience in TVET for a just and sustainable transition to strengthen the resilience of UNEVOC Centres and other education and training stakeholders.

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

Countries



Austria

Der 16. Österreichischer Wirtschaftspädagogik Kongress fand am 21. April 2023 in Innsbruck statt.

<https://www.uibk.ac.at/iol/wipaed/kongress/index.html.de>

Czechia

Aligning job descriptions and VET curricula to labour market needs with the Skills 4.0 project. Although the project activities

aimed at easing cooperation between schools and companies in the introduction of dual training elements, the main objective was to develop a tool predicting the competences required by the labour market in the near future.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/czechia-aligning-job-descriptions-and-vet-curricula-labour-market-needs>

Cyprus

The Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus (HRDA), established systematic forecasting of labour demand. Its study 'Forecasts of labour demand and supply in the Cyprus economy 2022-32' includes for the first time labour supply forecasts among its other components. The study – completed in December 2022 – includes findings on total employment, employee education attainment, employment forecasts and trends.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/cyprus-study-results-labour-demand-and-supply>

Denmark

Recommendations of the Reform Commission: a new youth education will be established under the name hpx (higher practical examination)

<https://deg.dk/nyheder/deg-l-modige-tanker-reformkommissionens-anbefalinger>

Estonia

Reform of the Estonian professional qualifications system: A large-scale national project has been launched to integrate the jobs and skills forecasting system (OSKA) and the professional qualifications system into one synergistic entity: the skills and professional qualifications system OsKuS.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/estonia-skills-and-professional-qualifications-system-reform>



Germany

ReferNet Germany Publication: Early leaving from VET

https://www.refernet.de/de/refernet_68664.php

Georgia

EU-supported Vocational Skills Week Launched in Georgia. Georgia's Skills Week, held this past 24 - 30 April, is an annual event celebrating all the very best practices in Vocational Education and Training (VET) in the country.

https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/georgia/eu-supported-vocational-skills-week-launched-georgia_en?s=221

<https://georgiaonline.ge/georgia/53755/georgia-vocational-skills-agency-organizes-skills-week/>

Italy

The Italian National Implementation Plan (NIP) takes the form of a strategic and guidance document that derives from the VET Recommendation 2020 and the Osnabrück Declaration. It was formally approved, following a legally required procedure on 2 March 2023, by all relevant stakeholders. It aims to address persisting challenges in the Italian VET system. The NIP has eight objectives which are addressed through 10 measures.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/italy-approval-national-implementation-plan-vet>

Latvia

On 1 May 2023, the government regulations allowing recognition of competences for VET admission entered into force: The legislation defines criteria and procedures for evaluation and recognition of a person's competences, which allow them to enrol in a VET programme without repeatedly acquiring competences, i.e. without repeating a part of a VET programme they have already completed elsewhere.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/latvia-upskilling-pathways-introduced-legislation>

Norway

Working paper: Mapping of developments in admission, implementation, candidate production and internships for nursing education

<https://hkdir.no/rapportar/kartlegging-av-utvikling-i-opptak-gjennomfoering-kandidatproduksjon-og-praksisplasser-for-sykepleieutdanninger>

Poland

Poland has created a system that organises and simplifies the processes of issuing, collecting and sharing Digital microcredentials: The Badge+ (Odznaka+) application was developed at the Educational Research Institute as part of the project for supporting the development of the integrated qualifications system

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/poland-badge-testing-new-tool-digital-badges>

Portugal

The Green Skills & Jobs programme, created under the umbrella of the Portuguese 2030 Energy and Climate Plan, offers short- and medium-term training courses in the environment and energy fields to prevent the risk of unemployment, promote job retention and encourage the creation of new jobs in the context of accelerating the country's energy transition and efficiency.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/portugal-green-skills-jobs-programme>

Romania

The ReCONNECT project (2020-23) aims at creating mechanisms for collecting and using data to match vocational education and training (VET) better with the rapidly changing labour market needs.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/romania-reconnect-project-anticipates-and-monitors-labour-market-needs-and-evaluates-vet-policies>

The National Employment Agency organises 140 vocational training programmes for people benefiting from free vocational training services in June 2023.

https://www.anofm.ro/upload2/ANOFM/26203/Comunicat_presa_-_Proгноza_cursuri_iunie_2023.pdf

In the first four months of 2023, the National Agency for Employment (ANOFM) counted 8,152 people in vocational training programmes.

https://www.anofm.ro/upload2/ANOFM/26190/Comunicat_formare_-_aprilie_2023.pdf

Slovakia

The labour ministry launched a campaign to encourage the participation of adults in upskilling and to raise awareness of the extended services offered by Labour Offices to adults to support their personal development.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/slovakia-upskilling-initiative-adult-learners>

Spain

More than 2 400 young people with no prior work experience are already employed thanks to the programme 'First work experience in Public Administration'.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/spain-employment-opportunity-comes-knocking>

Sweden

The Swedish National Agency for Education is rolling out vocational education networks to increase the quality and attractiveness of vocational education, securing thereby the skilled workforce needed for the labour market.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/sweden-increasing-quality-and-attractiveness-vet-through-regional-networks>

The Netherlands

Future educational needs: have classical demarcations outlived themselves? The Future Outlook 2040 programme aims to reconsider the goals and organisation of VET and higher (professional and academic) education in the Netherlands.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/netherlands-future-educational-needs-have-classical-demarcations-outlived-themselves>

Events

08-09/06/2023: Making Skills Count Conference online

https://scic.ec.europa.eu/ew/register/dgscic/Making_skills_count_2023_online/e/lk/g/60900/k/

15/06/2023: BILT Learning Labs: It's not easy being green: Fifty Shades Greener explores its entrepreneurial take on how to develop sustainable practices and curriculum 11:00 – 12:30 CEST (10:00 – 11:30 IST)

<https://unevoc.unesco.org/bilt/Learning+Lab+-+Fifty+Shades+Greener>

15-16/06/2023: Cedefop/OECD Symposium on digitilisation and apprenticeships, Physical event

<https://refernet.cedefop.europa.eu/content/cedefopoecd-symposium-digitilisation-and-apprenticeships-15-16-june-thessaloniki-physical>

26/04/2024: Safe the date: 17. Österreichischer Wirtschaftspädagogik Kongress in Linz, Institut für Organisation und Lernen Universität Innsbruck

<https://www.uibk.ac.at/iol/wipaed/>

03-05/07/2024: Safe the date: 9. Österreichische Berufsbildungsforschungskonferenz (BBFK). Die Einreichung von Vortragsvorschlägen wird von November 2023 bis Mitte Februar 2024 möglich sein.

<https://www.bbfk.at/>



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