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Europe

European Union

Spain assumes the Presidency in the second half of 2023, from July 1 to December 31. The Spanish Presidency has established four priorities for its semester: Reindustrialising the EU and ensuring its open strategic autonomy; Making progress on environmental change and adaptation; Promoting greater social and economic justice; Strengthening European unity.

<https://spanish-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/en/programme/priorities/>

EU budget for 2024: spending on green and digital transformation foreseen

<https://www.dihk.de/de/themen-und-positionen/europaeische-wirtschaftspolitik/eu-budget-fuer-2024--97508>



CEDEFOP

Inter-agency collaboration a blueprint for the European Year of Skills: The cooperation of Cedefop with the European Training Foundation (ETF) is a model approach in the efforts to bring new competences and skills in the labour market, the European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights Nicolas Schmit told a joint meeting of the two Agencies in Turin on 1 June.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/inter-agency-collaboration-blueprint-european-year-skills>

Retrospective: The third symposium co-organised by Cedefop and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) brought together 100 researchers, policy-makers, social partners and practitioners from around the world to explore the links between apprenticeships and the digital transition and discuss their implications for policy-making.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/digitalisation-reshapes-apprenticeships>

European Training Foundation

Retrospective: 'We've declared a year of skills, but what we need is a decade or more!' Commissioner Schmit's resounding call for long-term investment in skills development echoed throughout the

'Making Skills Count' conference held in Brussels in early June as a key event on the European Year of Skills calendar.

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/making-skills-count-sustainable-and-inclusive-future>

Webinar report: Artificial Intelligence for Educators: ethical challenges, practices and guidelines
Find the webinar overview with recording & presentations on OpenSpace:

<https://openspace.etf.europa.eu/blog-posts/webinar-report-artificial-intelligence-educators-ethical-challenges-practices-and>

Publication: Vocational education and training and the green transition. A compendium of inspiring practices

<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/9ffbca44-0e5d-11ee-b12e-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>

Eurochambres

Retrospective: Green skills for a sustainable future: Leveraging European chambers' expertise in reskilling and upskilling for the green transition. The event was part of the EU Green Week and focused on the role of skills and vocational and educational training in creating the conditions for a net-zero economy.

One of the conclusions was the need to create a collaborative approach in assisting businesses in their green transition. Governments, educational institutions and the chamber network should work together to support businesses as they upskill & reskill the workforce.

<https://entreprcomp4transition.eu/2023/green-skills-for-a-sustainable-future-event/>

Eurochambres' series of interviews showcasing the chamber network's efforts to contribute to large-scale upskilling and reskilling efforts, this week we present the project "Digital Skills for the Artificial Intelligence Revolution (DS4AIR)". Initiated in September 2020 by the Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry, in partnership with the Valencia Chamber of Commerce, the project is funded by Erasmus+ and focuses on adult education.

<https://eurochambres.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aee66a12d8a44b1991bfb3244&id=32834101fa&e=ff59a418f5>

International organisations



Worlds Skills

A new campaign celebrates the collective power of skills and encourages more people to join our global skills movement.

<https://worldskills.org/what/campaigns/we-are-worldskills/>

Countries



Austria

ibw Science-Talk: Survey on topics of apprenticeship training
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZFYYHUWH-dARaJ46Pa1i766aLeIKloXBOgEqY8MH_gBABbA/viewform

Free further training for trainers: "Companies for Girls 4.0"
<https://u-f-m.at/>

New apprenticeship: waste disposal and recycling specialist
<https://lehrberufschek.at/entsorgung-und-recyclingfachkraft/>

Report "The Austrian Tourism and Leisure Industry - Corona beyond?". This industry analysis takes a comprehensive look at the current situation in the Austrian tourism and leisure industry. Another focus of the report is dedicated to the future perspective with an in-depth look at important trends and megatrends and their impact on the industry as a whole and the qualification needs in particular. In addition, the publication includes a series of corresponding interviews from the AMS New Skills Talks on the topic of tourism.

<https://ibw.at/publikationen/id/556/>

ibw study with a survey of 1,300 graduates on Master (Meister) craftsman and qualification examinations. It showed that completing the master craftsman's and qualification examinations has a positive effect on the chance of taking on management positions. However, despite the equivalent NQF level, the reputation is rated lower than that of a Bachelor's degree.

<https://99890.seu2.cleverreach.com/c/83418849/3c7c2e6f2d73-rwnihb>

Denmark

In the coming years, the Danish Agency for Education and Quality will strengthen cooperation with the boards of educational institutions. This is part of the agency's new board strategy for 2023-25. The board strategy contains a number of initiatives that STUK will launch over the coming years.

<https://www.uvm.dk/aktuelt/nyheder/uvm/2023/jun/230622-stuk-er-klar-med-ny-bestyrelsesstrategi>

Students in vocational education and training still score high in the annual well-being survey, just as companies continue to be very satisfied with their apprentices. These are some of the findings of the recently published progress report on vocational training.

<https://www.uvm.dk/aktuelt/nyheder/uvm/2023/jun/230612-statusredegørelse-for-erhvervsuddannelser-viser-hoej-trivsel-og-virksomhedstilfredshed>

Labour market training (AMU) providers are at the heart of the green transition and contribute to it through upgrading the qualifications of skilled and unskilled workers. But the work is challenged by low demand and limited dialogue between AMU providers and companies and job centres.

https://www.eva.dk/voksen-efteruddannelse/amu-er-central-groen-omstilling-arbejdsstyrken-dialogen-virksomheder-halter?SNSubscribed=true&utm_campaign=nyhedsbrev&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Voksen-%20og%20efteruddannelse

There is a basis for strong adult pedagogical environments at Preparatory Adult Education (FVU), where there are skilled teachers and flexible teaching. But many providers experience that the quality is challenged by tight finances and participants with large differences in their linguistic and professional prerequisites.

https://www.eva.dk/voksen-efteruddannelse/stram-oekonomi-blandet-deltagergruppe-udfordrer-voksenundervisning?SNSubscribed=true&utm_campaign=nyhedsbrev&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Voksen-%20og%20efteruddannelse

France

Major sporting events – vocational training takes up the challenge!

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/france-major-sporting-events-vocational-training-takes-challenge>

Luxembourg

Study on Skills Strategy – assessment and recommendations

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/luxembourg-study-skills-strategy-assessment-and-recommendations>

Norway

State report for higher vocational education 2023

<https://hkdir.no/rapporter-undersokelser-og-statistikk/tilstandsrapport-for-hogare-yrkesfagleg-utdanning-2023>

The number of students in higher vocational education has increased by about 70 per cent since 2018 and there is record high activity in the sector.

<https://hkdir.no/aktuelt/rekordhog-aktivitet-ved-fagskulane>

More vocational school students in health and technology subjects: This year, more than 8 000 people have been offered admission to higher vocational education through Coordinated Admissions. This is almost 5 per cent more than last year. Most students are offered admission in technological subjects and health sciences. Information technology is the field of education with the largest percentage increase in the number of applicants who were offered. Here, the increase is 15.5 per cent.

<https://hkdir.no/aktuelt/flere-fagskolestudenter-til-helse-og-teknologifag>

The Netherlands

The Knowledge Point for Language and Arithmetic, the MBO Language Academy and the Reading Foundation are starting the reading offensive All MBO reads: an offensive to get MBO students to read.

<https://taalenrekenenmbo.nl/nederlands/onderwijs-taal/leesoffensief-heel-mbo-leest/>

The Citizenship Expertise Centre Newsletter June 2023: Secondary vocational education.

<https://expertisepunt-burgerschap.email-provider.eu/web/fbszg4vrsm/lr2g6qdjri/k3o7cwykl8/wqg5vf2b4l>

Switzerland

Report: WKS KV Bern has been testing alternative educational formats for about five years. Under the title of "accompanied self-organised learning" (BGSOL), the school offers commercial learners the opportunity to use their time at school more individually and better for learning.

<https://transfer.vet/viel-frueher-selbstaendig/>

Study by the Institute for Educational Management and Technologies (IBB) at the University of St.Gallen: How Artificial Intelligence could simplify learning venue cooperation

<https://transfer.vet/wie-kuenstliche-intelligenz-die-lernortkooperation-vereinfachen-koennte/>

How do different forms of apprenticeship contract terminations come about? Pädagogische Hochschule FHNW sought indicators.

<https://transfer.vet/wie-kommen-unterschiedliche-formen-von-lehrvertragsaufloesungen-zustande/>

Events

27/06/2023: Webinar: ETF Skills Lab Network of Experts Webinar: Digitalisation and the digital transition, Time: 10:00 - 12:30 CEST. This webinar will showcase some recent initiatives and research projects dedicated to understanding how digitalisation and the digital transition are affecting skills needs in the EU and ETF partner countries.

https://9sjdk.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/cl/f/inuAS6m3L8snoPnFtdK5WIEXk8KgFYWDV0cVRHU7OfbGeD965lCtwb_N7HszVtwFwYeQxfpgQhozAcLKWck2k8Zl4R6WrcUdZoDCQnODMxubv8pVBga5ZVAXdlok1Xige09NfIRETXGXEJiAbOE3lgez451NfvlorQ-iwvCooOKwUStlp3dnw9ICEgJpBfBwCpepuTk47G58sl7uchCmrgWhtQn624H4_sAQ63vn7V6g7mpegVbfdqF7Ay-H15MQtlQ8z2ZT6qb9rF_14X45J76l4-GkTn82

28-29/06/2023: Eurochambres will host the 8th edition of the Connecting European Chambers. This is a chamber exclusive event, which aims to offer local, regional and national chambers the opportunity to learn about EU programmes and discover chamber best practices. The main objective is to develop chambers' capacity to cooperate on EU projects, building on the network's strengths to enhance synergy and deliver added value services to the business community.

More info: Roxana Dediu, Events and Communications Officer (dediu@eurochambres.eu).

20-21/09/2023: Conference for Higher Education 2023: Quality and availability for future needs

<https://hkdir.no/arrangementer/konferanse-kvalitet-og-tilgjengeligheit-for-framtidas-behov>



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