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Europe

European Commission

Unlock EU career opportunities: information session introduces Blue Book Traineeships for VET graduates

https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/events-1/unlock-eu-career-opportunities-information-session-introduces-blue-book-traineeships-vet-graduates-2026-07-23_en

https://traineeships.ec.europa.eu/administrative-traineeship-vocational-education-and-training-graduates_en

New study maps the jobs driving the green transition

https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/news/new-study-maps-jobs-driving-europes-green-transition-2026-07-30_en

European Skills High-Level Board calls for stronger business-education links to boost Europe's skills development

https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/news/european-skills-high-level-board-calls-stronger-business-education-links-boost-europes-skills-2026-07-15_en

European Commission's new Skills Guarantee: all six pilot projects launched to support workers at risk of unemployment

https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/news/european-commissions-new-skills-guarantee-all-six-pilot-projects-launched-support-workers-risk-2026-07-15_en

Cedefop

Building skills portability across Europe: new Cedefop publications on qualification recognition and digital tools

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/building-skills-portability-across-europe-new-cedefop-publications>



Cedefop updates Skills Forecast: new data to guide Europe's skills and labour market policy to 2035

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/cedefop-updates-skills-forecast-new-data-guide-europes-skills-and-labour-market-policy-2035>

European Forum of Technical and Vocational Education and Training

Fresh data on VET attractiveness across the EU with the latest Eurobarometer

<https://efvet.org/fresh-data-on-vet-attractiveness-across-the-eu-with-the-latest-eurobarometer/>

Turning Up the Heat: When Microcredentials Become Real Change for VET

<https://efvet.org/turning-up-the-heat-when-microcredentials-become-real-change-for-vet/>

AI skills in the CCI sector: Join us and take part in a focus group or interview!

<https://efvet.org/ai-skills-in-the-cci-sector-join-us-and-take-part-in-a-focus-group-or-interview/>

Eurochambres

Chambers driving skills for a competitive and inclusive Europe

https://www.eurochambres.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Chambers-driving-skills-for-a-competitive-and-inclusive-Europe.pdf?utm_source=flexmail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eurochambresnews104&utm_content=our+new+brochure

Business mentoring in Europe and beyond: Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs at the European Innovation Council Summit 2026. As part of the Türkiye–EU Business Dialogue II (TEBD II) project, 24 representatives of Turkish chambers of industry and commerce and commodity exchanges underwent four days of training in Ankara. The aim was to equip the participants to support SMEs in the green transition and sustainability.

https://www.tebd.eu/news-detail/sustainable-growth-support-programme-training-concludes-in-ankara?utm_source=flexmail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eurochambresnews104&utm_content=full+article+on+the+tebd+ii+website

European Lifelong Learning Magazine (ELM)

“Digital tools can transform education into an immersive, engaging and inclusive experience,” says Margherita Pina of the University of Macerata. The ELM series “Young

Voices” highlights the perspectives of the next generation shaping adult education across Europe.

<https://elmmagazine.eu/margherita-pina-we-need-conscious-integration-of-digital-tools-in-adult-learning/>

International



VET research

Analysis from a capability perspective reveals a disconnect between EU youth policy and the actual opportunities available to young people, particularly due to an overly narrow normative framework and a failure to take national circumstances into account.

<https://kops.uni-konstanz.de/server/api/core/bitstreams/8886c3f0-5ffd-4b6d-b412-c58c63657812/content>

WorldSkills

WorldSkills Champion launches skills-to-income programme. Discover how a skilled baker from Bangladesh turned competition success into a stellar career and a purpose-led community enterprise.

<https://worldskills.org/media/news/worldskills-champion-launches-skills-income-programme/>

ILO

ILO Supports Validation of the Internal Diagnostic Study of the Vocational Training and Apprenticeship Support Fund (FAFPA) to Strengthen Skills Development and Institutional Performance in Mali

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-supports-validation-internal-diagnostic-study-vocational-training-and>

ILO advances core skills to close skills gaps and boost employability in Wolaita, Ethiopia

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-advances-core-skills-close-skills-gaps-and-boost-employability-wolaita>

ILO to release Global Employment Trends for Youth 2026 report

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-release-global-employment-trends-youth-2026-report>

From certificate to career: closing the skills mismatch

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/article/certificate-career-closing-skills-mismatch>

Ibero-American ministers adopt new commitments on care, social and solidarity economy and digital labour

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ibero-american-ministers-adopt-new-commitments-care-social-and-solidarity>

Countries

Croatia

Thematic country review on upskilling pathways: new opportunities for adults in Croatia. Key findings from three research phases and suggestions for future action

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications/5623>

Czechia

Helping Czechia's youth value skills and build a global perspective. An innovative programme from Czechia demonstrates additional ways WorldSkills Competitions are used as a springboard for youth development.

<https://worldskills.org/media/news/helping-czechias-youth-value-skills-and-build-global-perspective/>

Denmark

The podcast series Ready for Apprenticeship focuses on work-based learning (WBL) in vocational education and training. The series takes a close look at how WBL can boost students' motivation, learning and retention during the transition from school to apprenticeship.

https://ceveu.dk/klaedt-paa-til-oplaering/?link_id=feb66db6-4b3c-4465-9c37-0166cd290999&ln_id=ln_JfzX_iGABOJnMfM11EFvm

A new study examines how young people in vocational training navigate the relationship between their day-to-day training, working life and personal lives. The report highlights which factors – such as tasks, social relationships, working hours and general conditions – influence well-being and success in training, and provides ten practical recommendations for companies and educational institutions on how to improve the quality of training.

<https://ceveu.dk/wp-content/uploads/sites/51/2026/04/unge-i-oplaering-paa-eud-digital-opslag-280326.pdf>

Practical professionalism as part of vocational training in primary and lower secondary schools. The research project 'Enhanced practical professionalism in primary and lower secondary schools through vocational educational practices' (PEP) highlights how pupils are

introduced to the world of business and working life as part of practical lessons in primary and lower secondary schools.

https://ceveu.dk/praksisfaglighed-som-erhvervsrettet-undervisning-i-folkeskolen/?link_id=feb66db6-4b3c-4465-9c37-0166cd290999&ln_id=ln_CVoWA9V7t6fR_l40Hg6HE



France

Staff training: an area in which companies invest to varying degrees

<https://www.cereq.fr/publications/cereq-bref/former-les-ouvriers-un-enjeu-inegalemeent-investi-par-les-entreprises>

Trends in education and employment: What scope is there in a segmented labour market?

<https://www.cereq.fr/trajec-toires-de-formation-et-demploi-jdl-2026>

Montenegro

From Frameworks to Practice: Montenegro Boosts Employment and Skills Reforms on Its Path to the EU

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/frameworks-practice-montenegro-boosts-employment-and-skills-reforms-its-path>

Republic of Moldova enhances labour inspection capacity with ILO support

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/republic-moldova-enhances-labour-inspection-capacity-ilo-support>

Nordics

Future skills, democracy, and preparedness in a changing world

<https://www.norden.org/en/news/future-skills-democracy-and-preparedness-changing-world>

Norway

Life skills courses are also to become compulsory for Ukrainians

<https://hkdir.no/aktuelt/kurs-i-livsmestring-blir-obligatorisk-ogsa-for-ukrainere>

Vocational colleges are evolving in line with the labour market's need for skills. An increasing number of people are choosing vocational colleges to build on their trade qualifications and work experience. At the same time, new figures show that higher vocational education continues to grow in fields where the labour market needs skilled workers

<https://hkdir.no/aktuelt/fagskulane-veks-i-takt-med-arbeidslivet-sitt-behov-for-kompetanse>

Portugal

Portugal is advancing a digital transformation of its education system, including the introduction of digital assessment tools, electronic grading processes and new approaches to monitoring student learning. Portugal's digital education reform also impacts vocational education and training (VET). It includes the modernization of professional schools through digital infrastructures, specialized technology centres and the integration of digital tools into teaching, learning and assessment processes.

<https://recuperarportugal.gov.pt/prr-resiliencia/qualificacoes-e-competencias/re-c06-i01-modernizacao-da-oferta-e-dos-estabelecimentos-de-ensino-e-da-formacao-profissional/>

European press review highlights the challenges surrounding Portugal's digital school reform, particularly the introduction of a new digital assessment and grading system. Reports from Portuguese media point to technical difficulties, delays and implementation issues, raising broader questions about the conditions needed for successful digital transformation in education.

https://www.eurotopics.net/de/361160/portugal-warum-ist-die-digitale-schulreform-gescheitert?pk_campaign=et2026-07-21-de&pk_kwd=361160#

Switzerland

Monitoring of young people's health. Young people are under greater psychological strain

<https://transfer.vet/jugendliche-sind-staerker-psychisch-belastet/>

The Netherlands

The Act on Improving the Link between Vocational Education and the Labour Market (VABA) will come into force on 1 August 2026. The reform enhances the flexibility of the MBO system, expands practice-oriented learning methods and facilitates modular further training and reskilling through the vocational education and training system.

<https://www.nieuwsbrievenminocw.nl/actueel/nieuws/2026/06/25-mbo/wet-vaba-in-werking-per-1-augustus-2026>

MBO Council and UAF: offering education to all young refugees

<https://www.mбораad.nl/nieuws/mbo-raad-en-uaf-bied-alle-jonge-vluchtelingen-onderwijs>

UK

Teaching resilience as an employability skill in Wales

<https://elmmagazine.eu/teaching-resilience-as-an-employability-skill-in-wales/>

Save the Date

17/09/2026: The right to learn under pressure? The Flemish Education Council explored how education, through its social role and mission, can create the conditions to make the right to learn for all – from young to old – a reality. Experts and education stakeholders will bring together new perspectives and discuss what is needed to ensure that every learner can fully exercise this right within Flemish education.

<https://www.vlor.be/activiteiten/startdag-recht-op-leren-onder-druk>

29/09/2026: This Cedefop-event brings together policymakers, researchers, social partners and education and training experts to examine the evolving role of microcredentials in labour market, education and training.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/events/upskilling-europe-microcredentials-action>

07/10/2026: Quality apprenticeships through social dialogue - Cedefop organises the 6th Policy learning forum on apprenticeships

https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/events-1/quality-apprenticeships-through-social-dialogue-6th-policy-learning-forum-apprenticeships-2026-10-07_en

12-13/10/2026: Advancing research on adult learning

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/events/advancing-research-adult-learning>

18-20/05/2027:

<https://vetnetsite.org/2026/06/24/call-for-papers-for-the-7th-international-vetnet-conference-crossing-boundaries-in-2027/>



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