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Europe

European Union

The EU ministers of employment and social policies are committed to advancing, with social dialogue, in a binding agreement on teleworking and the right to disconnect

<https://spanish-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/en/news/informal-ministerial-meeting-employment-social-policy-14th-july/>



EU strategy for international cooperation in research and innovation: First biennial report on the implementation of the Global Approach to research and innovation. This shows that the EU's innovation performance has increased by around 8.5 per cent since 2016.

https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/first-biennial-report-implementation-global-approach-research-and-innovation-2023-06-29_de

CEDEFOP

Cedefop launches timeline of VET policies in Europe: This tool is a collection of strategies, action plans, legal acts, regulations, and practical measures in vocational education and training (VET) and lifelong learning (LLL) in the EU Member States, Iceland and Norway. Cedefop collects the data with the annual support of all the ReferNet partners.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/tools/timeline-vet-policies-europe>

“Can microcredentials enhance employability, labour market participation and outcomes among end users? Can skills assessments and micro-certificates awarded in specific sectors support individuals in finding work or in improving the match of their skills with their job?” A Cedefop article on microcredentials sheds light on this growing trend in education and training, its benefits and limitations as well as the challenges that must be dealt with if its value is to be maximised for workers, learners and the labour market.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/how-much-microcredentials-are-really-worth>

Podcast: Why aren't apprenticeships offered in high-tech industries such as video gaming? What are the advantages and disadvantages of virtual reality in education? What is the modern role of a teacher?

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/podcasts/cedefop-podcast-episode-19-digital-apprenticeships-education-and-industry-dialogue>

The future of vocational education and training in Europe. Synthesis report

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications/3094>

European Training Foundation

Qualifications and skills recognition: Increasing opportunities, building fairer societies

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/qualifications-and-skills-recognition-increasing-opportunities-building-fairer>

ETF's analysis of the invasion of Ukraine: the impact on human capital and education

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/etfs-analysis-invasion-ukraine-impact-human-capital-and-education>

Presentation of the results of the latest round of Torino Process monitoring in Ukraine

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/together-ukraine-we-can-make-difference-says-etf-director>

Eurydice

Eurydice report on Adult education and training in Europe

https://eurydice.eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2023-06/InfographicsEurydice_AdultLearning_05.pdf

Eurochambres

Eurochambres has launched a training offer, Learning Labs, to support the application and implementation of EU projects. The training series is designed to provide a comprehensive learning experience for staff of industry chambers of commerce and associations who wish to develop their skills in project creation, implementation and risk management.

https://web-eur.cvent.com/event/b08a4827-96eb-4b49-a313-67cdfd511054/summary?locale=en-US&tm=og9tkVHD8BDDT7XQdqNIP_dmKI01m_D0TX_0iphtJ1l

Elm Magazine

Are vocational skills still enough for adults in the challenging job market? Marcella Milana, professor in education and Chair of the European Society for Research on the Education of Adults, believes that unless we consider adults as citizens first, vocational skills won't be enough.

<https://elmmagazine.eu/redefining-skills-and-competences/vocational-skills-are-no-longer-enough-for-adult-education-in-europe/>

Communication and cooperation skills are important in today's labour market. But how to assess them? Professor Maurice de Greef from Vrije Universiteit Brussel has studied the validation of transversal skills in the TRANSVAL-EU project.

<https://elmmagazine.eu/redefining-skills-and-competences/transversal-skills-why-and-how-to-make-them-visible/>

Understanding how artificial intelligence (AI) works is a key skill – now and for tomorrow – says leading computer science and information technology professor Matti Tedre.

<https://elmmagazine.eu/redefining-skills-and-competences/future-skills-for-a-brave-new-world/>

International organisations

UNESCO

Global education monitoring report 2023: Technology in education: A tool on whose terms?

https://www.unesco.de/sites/default/files/2023-07/Weltbildungsbericht_2023_lang_engl_0.pdf



ILO

G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting. ILO Director-general presentation on Global Employment Trends 2023

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/how-the-ilo-works/ilo-director-general/statements-and-speeches/WCMS_888342/lang-en/index.htm

Countries



France

Publication on Training and career paths: While young women are still more educated than men, gender inequalities in the labour market are not decreasing. From access to employment to wage levels, this Céreq Bref takes stock of the situation of young people in the 2017 Generation after three years of working life, compared to that of the 2010 Generation. If the circumstances

are different, glass ceiling and sticky floor do not seem ready to waver.

<https://www.cereq.fr/inegalites-de-genre-en-debut-de-vie-active-un-bilan-decourageant>

Plan for the implementation of the second phase of the national strategy for artificial intelligence: A €500 million "IA-cluster" scheme aims to consolidate national training and research centres of excellence with the aim of increasing the number of artificial intelligence specialists in France by 2030.

In order to support SMEs and mid-caps in their digital transformation processes, the AI Booster France 2030 system should enable them to enrich their offer with new services, improve their competitiveness and modernize their production apparatus.

<https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/fr/france-2030-emmanuel-macron-annonce-un-effort-sans-precedent-de-la-france-en-intelligence-91286>

Germany

ReferNet Germany Article: Vocational orientation for young people in times of social upheaval

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/germany-vocational-orientation-young-people-times-social-upheaval>

Ireland

The Irish government provides an overview of the implementation status of its innovation strategy with the "Impact 2030: First annual progress report May 2022 to May 2023".

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/97edf-minister-harris-welcomes-the-publication-of-the-first-impact-2030-annual-progress-report/>

A new platform Microcreds.ie was presented with offers for further education.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/e25fb-ministers-harris-and-coveney-launch-microcredsie-platform-to-boost-upskilling-and-reskilling-in-ireland/?referrer=http://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/bc970-ministers-harris-and-coveney-launch-microcredsie-platform-to-boost-upskilling-and-reskilling-in-ireland/>

DFHERIS Research Priorities for 2023 - 2024 and Evidence Base for the Tertiary Sector research papers sets out the research priorities for the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for 2023 - 2024.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/6146b-dfheris-research-priorities-for-2023-2024/>

Italy

New regulation for improving the skills and organising training for public servants

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/italy-new-regulation-improving-skills-and-organising-training-public-servants>

Spain

In April 2023, the new Organic Law of the University System (LOSU) came into force. This Law strengthens the university system and education at this level. Likewise, it ensures that the generation of critical knowledge, the human and professional preparation of young people, the development of research and innovation and its transfer to society continue being the foundational pillars of the university system.

<https://eurydice.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news/spain-new-legislation-affecting-university-system>

Switzerland and UK

UK and Switzerland ink new agreement recognising professional qualifications. The agreement allows access to regulated professions in both countries.

<https://www.admin.ch/gov/de/start/dokumentation/medienmitteilungen.msg-id-95673.html>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-switzerland-ink-new-agreement-recognising-professional-qualifications>

Events

16-18/08/2023: EducationPlus 2023. International Summit & Exhibition for Applied Education and TVET in China.

<https://www.showsbee.com/fairs/81832-Education-Plus-2022.html>

16-18/08/2023: EduTECH Australia 2023. Annual education event in Asia-PAC and the Southern Hemisphere where it brings together schools, tertiary education, VET and workplace learning.

<https://www.terrapinn.com/exhibition/edutech-australia/>

24-26/10/2023: didacta asia - International Trade Fair and Congress for the Complete Education Sector in Southeast Asia

<https://didacta-asia.com/>



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