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Europe

European Commission

New issue paper: Tackling prejudice and discrimination in and through education and training

<https://education.ec.europa.eu/news/new-issue-paper-tackling-prejudice-and-discrimination-in-and-through-education-and-training>

Learning Lab highlights evidence-based approaches to optimise education policy

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CEDEFOP

Call for tenders: European VET for the 21st century: the balancing of excellence and inclusion.



<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/about-cedefop/public-procurement/european-vet-21st-century-balancing-excellence-and-inclusion>

ReferNet Call for Proposal 2024-2027

<https://refernet.cedefop.europa.eu/content/refernet-call-proposal-2024-2027-deadline-extended-06102023>

European Training Foundation

Podcast: The episode provides insights into the impact of digital platforms for the nature of work and emphasises the need for proactive measures to address the concerning dynamics of the labour market.

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/etf-podcast-series-platform-work-future-digital-labour-market>

European Labour Authority

Online Survey on exchange fora on transnational labour mobility until August 25

<https://www.ela.europa.eu/en/news/online-survey-exchange-fora-transnational-labour-mobility-share-your-case>

Elm Magazine

A discussion about Grundtvig lasting influence on democratic education. Grundtvig is known as ‘the founder of the folk high school’, and perhaps more broadly ‘the father of western adult education’.

<https://elmmagazine.eu/news/whereto-folk-ove-korsgaard-on-n-f-s-grundtvig/>

International organisations



UNESCO-UNEVOC

World Youth Skills Day 2023

<https://unevoc.unesco.org/start.php?p=une&q=>

The full event recording can be accessed here

<https://youtu.be/WgYrwdezXHI>

World Skills

The fourth-generation plumber helping to build global expertise

<https://worldskills.org/media/news/fourth-generation-plumber-helping-build-global-expertise/>

WorldSkills ASEAN roars back for 2023 in Singapore

<https://worldskills.org/media/news/worldskills-asean-roars-back-2023-singapore/>

WorldSkills is looking for a Senior Manager of Skills Competitions

<https://worldskills.org/media/news/join-worldskills-senior-manager-skills-competitions/>

Countries



Austria

ReferNet Austria: Greening VET – Just Transition Action Plan

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news-types/national-news>

ReferNet Austria: Survey has shown that the professional requirements in training have risen sharply or at least slightly over the past 10 years. At the same time, a majority of companies see problems in the entry prerequisites for young people.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/austria-increasing-requirements-apprenticeship-training>

ReferNet Austria: Mobility initiative for apprentices

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/austria-mobility-initiative-apprentices>

Belgium

ReferNet Belgium: Ukrainian refugees on the Brussels and Walloon labour markets: one year later

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/ukrainian-refugees-brussels-and-walloon-labour-markets-one-year-later>

China

Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera on „the decision to "obscure" the data on youth unemployment“: „...falling below the 5% threshold means not being able to ensure all those who enter the labor market a job and a salary. ... the data on youth unemployment, which has been growing sharply in the last twelve months, have now become so "sensitive" as to push President Xi Jinping to keep them secret after young graduates were officially "advised" not to be "picky" months ago and to settle for "manual occupations" not in line with their preparation. Now, however, with a 21.3% youth unemployment (last figure for June), even these exhortations appear optimistic.“

https://www.corriere.it/esteri/23_agosto_16/cina-economia-rallenta-biden-bomba-orologeria-04d119f2-3c15-11ee-9815-eeb905304d3c.shtml

Croatia

ReferNet Croatia: Croatia's vocational education and training (VET) system is undergoing a curricular reform.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/croatia-vet-curriculum-reform-nears-final-stage>

Finland

ReferNet Finland: VET international mobility gradually recovering. Every year, the Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI) collects and publishes statistics on mobility of vocational education and training (VET) learners and staff.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/finland-vet-international-mobility-gradually-recovering>

Hungary

ReferNet Hungary: Developing a career tracking system for VET and adult learning graduates

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/hungary-developing-career-tracking-system-vet-and-adult-learning-graduates>

Ireland

New short “micro-credential” courses designed to offer greater flexibility in how people learn and up-skill

<https://www.aontas.com/knowledge/news/new-short-micro-credential-courses-designed-to-offer-greater-flexibility-in-how-people-learn-and-up-skill>

Learner Voice Training: AONTAS collaborates with Education and Training Boards across Ireland

<https://www.aontas.com/learner-voice/learner-forum>

ReferNet Ireland: The 2021 Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) Strategy set out an ambitious 10-year programme to transform adult literacy, numeracy and digital literacy in Ireland

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/ireland-fully-inclusive-and-equitable-society-and-economy-one-step-closer>

Poland

ReferNet Poland: New entrants in top occupations most in-demand

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/poland-new-entrants-top-occupations-most-demand>

Portugal

ReferNet Portugal: Training for active ageing services

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/portugal-training-active-ageing-services>

Spain

ReferNet Spain: TandEM, a training and employment programme, supports Roma under 30 to develop new skills.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/spain-young-roma-students-acquiring-new-skills>

The Netherlands

ReferNet Netherlands: Record number of dropouts in Dutch VET

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/netherlands-record-number-dropouts-dutch-vet>

The beloved and hated 'Excellent School' disappears

<https://nos.nl/artikel/2479500-de-geliefde-en-gehate-excellente-school-verdwijnt>

<https://scilogs.spektrum.de/menschen-bilder/ende-des-elitedenkens-besser-fuer-individuum-und-gesellschaft/>

Tunesia

ETF-publication: Partnering for a more entrepreneurial Tunisia. It summarises the experience of a large group of innovative stakeholders, who build an entrepreneurial vocational education system in Tunisia.

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/publications/key-competence-lighthouse-partnering-more-entrepreneurial>

UK

Vocational education and training in the UK: What Germany can learn from the modular system

<https://www.deutschlandfunk.de/ausbildung-in-uk-was-deutschland-von-dem-modularen-system-lernen-kann-dlf-b35ea1c2-100.html>

Events

29/08/2023: SKILLS Bridge Masterclass Series "Empowering Sector Skills Bodies: Strategies to Overcome Challenges and Improve Effectiveness"; This episode is being organised in collaboration with the World Bank and UNESCO.

https://ilo-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6ujlKXFWRYGcU7hajFLiZw

19/09/2023: Industry Program Conference 2023, Oslo. The organizer is the Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Competence. (only in Norwegian)

<https://hkdir.no/arrangementer/bransjeprogramkonferansen-2023>

02/10/2023: 1st International Conference on TVET for Sustainable Development (ICTSDe), co-organized by CPSC and the Malaysian Technical Doctorate Association

<https://www.ictsde.com/>

14-16/11/2023: IVETA Conference 2023: Modernizing TVET for Sustainable Job Creation and Economic Transformation. The TEVET Authority in Malawi and the Ministry of Labour will host this year's International Vocational Education and Training Associations (IVETA) international conference in Mangochi, Malawi.

<https://ivetaconference2023.tevetamw.com/>

29/11 to 2/12/2023: 2023 International Vocational Education and Training Association (IVETA) conference. IVETA's 2023 North America Regional Conference is held in conjunction with the annual US Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE) Conference in Phoenix, USA.

<https://iveta.global/events/2023-iveta-north-america-regional-conference/>



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