



Europe

European Vocational Skills Week 2023

23-27 October

https://vocational-skills.ec.europa.eu/index_en

European Commission

Presentation of the 2024 Work Programme entitled "Acting today to be ready for tomorrow". The Work Programme puts a central focus on simplifying rules for businesses and citizens in the EU.

https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-documents/commission-work-programme/commission-work-programme-2024_en

Eurobarometer survey: Germans and Europeans support EU course on energy security, sustainability and Ukraine aid

https://germany.representation.ec.europa.eu/news/eurobarometer-umfrage-deutsche-und-europaer-befurworten-eu-kurs-zu-energiesicherheit-zu-2023-09-11_de



Cedefop

Call for research papers: Human-centred digital transitions and skill mismatches in European workplaces. Interested researchers who wish to request for access to Cedefop's second European skills and jobs survey (ESJS2) microdata, are invited to first submit a draft research proposal by 19 January 2024.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/call-research-papers-human-centred-digital-transitions-and-skill-mismatches-european-workplaces>

Two main conclusion from recent research:

1. Shifting to a circular economy and society can benefit a number of professions at all skill levels. That shift requires extensive upskilling and reskilling.

2. The role of ‘thyroid occupations’: These are high- and middle-skilled occupations that invent, design, and conceptualise green transition solutions (such as engineers, process designers, and scientists – research and development) and implement it (such as managers, lawyers, renewable energy technicians, and communication specialists).

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/circular-economy-step-skill-needs-and-importance-thyroid-occupations>

International organisations

OECD

The Midcareer Opportunity. Meeting the Challenges of an Ageing Workforce: new research based on a survey of thousands of employed and unemployed people, and hiring managers in eight countries: the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Romania, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States.



https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/fr/employment/the-midcareer-opportunity_ed91b0c7-en

International migration flows to OECD countries and labour market outcomes of immigrants at record highs

<https://www.oecd.org/newsroom/international-migration-flows-to-oecd-countries-and-labour-market-outcomes-of-immigrants-at-record-highs.htm>

OECD employment and labour force participation rates reach record highs in the second quarter of 2023

<https://www.oecd.org/employment/labour-market-situation-oecd-updated-october-2023.htm>

UNEVOC

Publication: Guidance for generative AI in education and research

<https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/UNEVOC+Publications/lang=en/akt=detail/qs=6696>

UNESCO

In this year's UNGA and SDG Summit, members of SDG4 Youth & Student Network engaged with policymakers to work together towards the Education 2030 Agenda.

<https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/youth-forefront-sdg-action-weekend-78th-unga>

Countries

America

Women in the Workplace study. The state of women in corporate America.

https://leanin.org/women-in-the-workplace?utm_medium=email&hsmi=277142310&hsenc=p2ANqtz-

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Australia

Statistical report: This publication provides a snapshot of apprenticeships and traineeships across Australia. It presents statistics on contract commencements, completions, cancellations and withdrawals as well as contracts currently in training.

<https://www.ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/publications/all-publications/apprentices-and-trainees-2023-march-quarter>

This publication provides a summary of data relating to students, programs, subjects, and training providers in Australia's government-funded vocational education and training (VET) system.

<https://www.ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/publications/all-publications/government-funded-students-and-courses-january-to-march-2023>

Baltics

The youth study "Personal Optimism, National Pessimism, Confidence in Europe" has been published by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. The study focuses on young people in Baltic countries and Central Eastern European countries.

<https://ijab.de/alle-kurzmeldungen/jugendstudie-erschieden-junge-menschen-in-europa>

Bangladesh

VET for all: Assessing the case of Bangladesh

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0738059323000950>

Denmark

New figures from the Ministry of Children and Education reveal that August enrolment this year has fallen overall by 5 percent in vocational education compared to 2022. At the vocational colleges, there is an increase of 4 percent on HHX, while HTX experiences a significant decrease in the number of admissions of 15 percent.

<https://deg.dk/nyheder/nye-optaget-faerre-elever-er-startet-paa-erhvervsskole>

Debate: The pupil distribution agreement was intended to ensure a better basis for upper secondary schools in sparsely populated areas. This year was the first time that vocational upper secondary education was part of the distribution, but the effect is hardly noticeable

<https://deg.dk/nyheder/tomme-stole-viser-fordelingen-elever-ikke-virker>

Germany

A personal recommendation: Feature: Re: Apprenticeships for all. Better opportunities for young people

<https://www.arte.tv/de/videos/110313-001-A/re-ausbildung-fuer-alle/>

Japan

The BIBB Japan Country Study provides a comprehensive overview and detailed insights into the Japanese system of education, vocational training and labour market.

https://www.bibb.de/dienst/publikationen/de/19209?referrer=/dienst/publikationen/de/suche?publication_search_result_voe%255BfreeTextSearch%255D%3D%26publication_search_result_voe%255BfromYear%255D%3D%26publication_search_result_voe%255BtoYear%255D%3D%26publication_search_result_voe%255Bseries%255D%3Dinternationales%2520handbuch%2520der%2520berufsbildung%26publication_search_result_voe%255Blanguage%255D%3D

Mozambique

UNESCO has been supporting the Government to develop a new curriculum for youth and adults, which is currently being rolled out nationwide. The curriculum offers complete primary education equivalent to grades one to six for youth and adults. As well as covering core subjects including mathematics and life skills, it also has a multilingual approach incorporating Portuguese and five Mozambican languages to support learners who do not speak Portuguese as their first language. Efforts are underway to adapt secondary education materials for adult distance learning and improve coordination between adult education and technical and vocational education and training (TVET).

<https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/mozambiques-strides-adult-education-path-lifelong-learning-and-national-development>

Nordics

Evaluation and monitoring of the activities of youth organisations in the Nordics - what could be learned among the Nordic countries? -project has aimed to identify the best practices in each Nordic country for the evaluation and quality monitoring of youth organisations.

<https://www.norden.org/en/publication/evaluation-and-monitoring-activities-youth-organisations-nordics>

New president of Nordic Youth Council: “We’re thinking with a long-term perspective – we’re the ones who have to live with the consequences”

<https://www.norden.org/en/news/new-president-nordic-youth-council-were-thinking-long-term-perspective-were-ones-who-have-live>

Spain

Inclusion: The production of yoghurt and jam creates jobs for people who fall outside the usual system due to a mental disorder or intellectual disability.

<https://www.arte.tv/de/videos/110252-003-A/re-arbeit-fuer-alle/>

Spain should boost productivity and improve opportunities for young people regarding the latest OECD Economic Survey of Spain

<https://www.oecd.org/newsroom/spain-should-boost-productivity-and-improve-opportunities-for-young-people.htm>

Switzerland

The article analyses the paths and topics for knowledge transfer instead of a system export of dualised vocational training.

<https://transfer.vet/wege-in-eine-dualisierte-berufsausbildung/>

The handouts developed by the Lucerne University of Teacher Education (PHLU) and éducation21 as part of the project "Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Basic Vocational Education" support vocational school teachers in identifying existing ESD competences in the education plan and integrating them into lessons.

<https://transfer.vet/auf-dem-weg-zu-einer-nachhaltigen-wirtschaft/>

Discussion: Two ideas for vocational training have been discussed in the media in recent weeks. Would more holidays on the one hand and more pay on the other make vocational training more attractive for young people? Such measures also mean an additional burden for companies - a dilemma that could be solved with a moderate compromise.

<https://transfer.vet/mehr-ferien-und-mehr-lohn-fuer-lernende/>

Study: Social norms and gendered occupational choices of men and women

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/irel.12332>

The Netherlands

Kommentar: a five-year VMBO, in order to promote the achievement of a basic qualification

<https://www.mboraad.nl/nieuws/kijken-naar-de-feiten-op-naar-een-vijfjarig-vmbo>

In every municipality, about 15% of young people between the ages of 16 and 27 have serious problems on their way to adulthood. They need a solid foundation in the 5 areas of life: housing, income, welfare, work and school and support. The inspirational guidebook gives an overview of integrated working approaches and success factors based on the Big 5.

<https://vng.nl/nieuws/versnellers-op-de-big-5-inspiratiegids-voor-aanpak-16-27>

Open letter to new cabinet: use VET for integration and education

<https://www.mboraad.nl/nieuws/open-brief-aan-nieuw-kabinet-benut-het-mbo-voor-inburgering-en-educatie>

Turkey

Turkish Youth Study 2023: Turkish youth are dissatisfied and strongly desire change. They feel politically unrepresented and are uncertain about the economic future of the country.

<https://www.kas.de/de/web/tuerkei/publikationen/einzeltitel/-/content/tuerkische-jugendstudie-2023>

Uganda

The Smart Girls Foundation, a social enterprise located in Uganda's capital Kampala, runs a programme which provides vocational education to girls

<https://www.dandc.eu/en/article/smart-girls-foundation-social-enterprise-trains-girls-areas-machinery-welding-automotive>

Events

14/11/2023: 6th Edition European Parliament of Enterprises 2023: Entrepreneurial voices, European choices.

<https://www.parliament-of-enterprises.eu/index.php>

16/11/2023: Management of present and future employees in vocational education and training. Danish Vocational Schools and Colleges (in Danish)

<https://deg.dk/arrangementer/ledelse-nutidens-fremtidens-medarbejder-paa-erhvervsuddannelserne>

30.11/-1.12/2023: The Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training invites to an international conference on "Active Contribution of Vocational Education and Skilled Workers to Transformation and Innovation". The conference will focus on scientific content, with renowned researchers from various disciplines presenting and discussing their research results in thematically defined working groups. The conference will conclude with a panel discussion in which representatives from partner institutions will share and discuss their expert assessments on the topic. Registration is possible until November 23, 2023, [here](#). More information and updates about the event you can find [here](#).

12/12/2024: Cedefop research workshop: Human-centred digital transitions and skill mismatches in European workplaces

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/call-research-papers-human-centred-digital-transitions-and-skill-mismatches-european-workplaces>



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