

## REFERNET VETNEWS INTERNATIONAL

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### Europe

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#### European Commission

Berufsreglementierung: EU-Kommission aktualisiert Reformempfehlungen an die Mitgliedstaaten  
<https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/46053>

The SME performance review is one of the main tools the European Commission uses to monitor and assess countries' progress in implementing the SME strategy and the Small Business Act (SBA).  
[https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/sme-strategy/performance-review\\_de](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/sme-strategy/performance-review_de)

First meeting of the expert group on artificial intelligence and data in education and training  
[https://ec.europa.eu/education/news/first-meeting-expert-group-on-artificial-intelligence-and-data-in-education-and-training\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/education/news/first-meeting-expert-group-on-artificial-intelligence-and-data-in-education-and-training_en)

The Culture Ministers' Meetings G20 was held in Rome on the 29th and 30th of July.  
<https://www.g20.org/the-g20-on-culture-adopts-the-rome-declaration.html>

Twice a year, the Commission offers 5-month paid traineeships in its Directorate-Generals, agencies and bodies, which have signed a Service Level Agreement with DG EAC/the Commission. Applications for the March 2022 session will remain open until the end of August.  
<https://traineeships.ec.europa.eu/>

#### European Council

From 1 July to 31 December 2021, a curated set of European literature entitled "The Future of Living"



is available for reading free of charge. There is one literary work from each EU Member State in the original language and the English translation. The Slovenian Presidency of the EU Council is the initiator and coordinator of the project.

<https://europereadr.eu/en/about-europe-readr/>

#### CEDEFOP

Career guidance in the spotlight. In this booklet, six international organisations share their vision of the strategic role of career guidance in our changing world.

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/publications/2230>

Spotlight on VET Slovenia

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/publications/8140>

Cedefop newsletter No 112 - July 2021

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news-and-press/newsletters/cedefop-newsletter-no-112-july-2021>

### **European Training Foundation (ETF)**

Focus on North Macedonia

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/focus-north-macedonia>

Working together to improve technical and vocational education and training in Egypt

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/working-together-improve-technical-and-vocational-education-and-training-egypt>

Skills and inclusion in Turkey: an international network based in Istanbul called Skills for an Inclusive Future network (S4IF), which was launched on July 7, 2021

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/skills-and-inclusion-turkey>

Interview about a macro view on the evolution of skills across the Turkish employment market

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/future-skills-turkey>

Local skills in Jordan

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/local-skills-jordan>

### **Eurostat**

Higher employment rate for men with children. Overall, 72.2% of women and 90.0% of men with children aged 25-54 were employed in the EU in 2020. In that same age category, but for people with no children, women had a higher employment rate (76.8%), while men had a lower employment rate (80.9%).

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/-/ddn-20210809-1>

How many women and men of your age were born in the country they currently live in? How many of them are employed? In what type of building do they live? Find out with our interactive visualisation tool "You in the EU". (also available in French and German).

[https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/infographs/youineu/index\\_en.html](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/infographs/youineu/index_en.html)

Automatic translation is now available on the Eurostat website, so that it is available in any one of the 24 official EU languages.

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/-/wdn-20210729-1>

### **Eurofund**

The pandemic aggravated labour shortages in some sectors; the problem is now emerging in others

[https://www.mynewsdesk.com/eurofound/blog\\_posts/the-pandemic-aggravated-labour-shortages-in-some-sectors-the-problem-is-now-emerging-in-others-102377](https://www.mynewsdesk.com/eurofound/blog_posts/the-pandemic-aggravated-labour-shortages-in-some-sectors-the-problem-is-now-emerging-in-others-102377)

EU research shows COVID-19 poised to end progress on gender equality

<https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/publications/policy-brief/2021/upward-convergence-in-gender-equality-how-close-is-the-union-of-equality>

European Working Conditions Survey 2021. From March to July 2021, Eurofound will carry out a new round of fieldwork for the EWCS. For the first time, the respondents will be contacted via computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI). The survey has been expanded to include over 70,000 workers in 36 European countries.

<https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/surveys/2021/european-working-conditions-survey-2021>

## Epale

Status-Update der Nationalen Dekade für Alphabetisierung und Grundbildung (2016-2026)  
<https://epale.ec.europa.eu/de/blog/status-update-der-nationalen-dekade-fuer-alphabetisierung-und-grundbildung-2016-2026>

## Eurydice

Compulsory education in Finland extended until the age of 18  
[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-policies/eurydice/content/finland-compulsory-education-extended-until-age-18\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-policies/eurydice/content/finland-compulsory-education-extended-until-age-18_en)

Poland National Reading Development Programme 2.0: Over one billion PLN will be allocated to the National Reading Development Programme (NPRCz) 2.0 for 2021-2025, to support the various forms of promoting reading habits in Poland.

[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-policies/eurydice/content/poland-national-reading-development-programme-20\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-policies/eurydice/content/poland-national-reading-development-programme-20_en)

## European Educational Research Association

Decolonizing Knowledge: Undoing and Reconstructing how we learn

<https://blog.eera-ecer.de/decolonizing-knowledge-undoing-and-reconstructing-how-we-learn/>

## International organizations

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### OECD

Highlights of the digital education outlook 2021

[https://read.oecd-ilibrary.org/view/?ref=1096\\_1096627-o5c9ri4fgq&title=Highlights-OECD-Digital-Education-Outlook-2021](https://read.oecd-ilibrary.org/view/?ref=1096_1096627-o5c9ri4fgq&title=Highlights-OECD-Digital-Education-Outlook-2021)



### ILO

The latest in our ILO in Action video series spotlights Georgia, where the ILO worked with the government to draft extensive amendments to its labour code and a new law on labour inspection.

[https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS\\_815366/lang--en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS_815366/lang--en/index.htm)

Trade unions in transition: What will be their role in the future of work?

<https://www.ilo.org/infostories/en-GB/Stories/Labour-Relations/Trade-unions-in-transition>

## Countries

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### Belgium

Belgium records relatively low number of job losses during COVID-19 pandemic

<https://www.mynewsdesk.com/eurofound/news/belgium-records-relatively-low-number-of-job-losses-during-covid-19-pandemic-430967>

The principle of the school reform is to adopt the "7+2" model, alternating 7 weeks of classes followed by 2 weeks of holidays.

[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-policies/eurydice/content/belgium-%E2%80%93-french-community-new-rhythm-schooling\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-policies/eurydice/content/belgium-%E2%80%93-french-community-new-rhythm-schooling_en)



### France

Arbeitgeberverband aktualisiert Tarifvertrag

<https://www.syntec.fr/actualites/convention-collective-et-accords/la-federation-syntec-met-a-jour-la-convention-collective-de-sa-branche-pour-la-rendre-plus-lisible-pour-les-entreprises-et-les-salaries/>

Die Liste geeigneter Unternehmen, die ein "Sprungbrett CDD" anbieten, wurde aktualisiert. Das "CSD-Sprungbrett" mit einer Laufzeit zwischen 4 Monaten und 24 Monaten wird zwischen einem zugelassenen Unternehmen und einer Person mit Einschränkung geschlossen, die arbeitslos ist oder aufgrund ihrer Einschränkung Gefahr läuft, ihren Arbeitsplatz zu verlieren.

<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/actualites/A15064>

### Germany

Zwischenbericht zur Wissenschaftlichen Studie „Duales Studium: Umsetzungsmodelle und Entwicklungsbedarfe“

<https://dserver.bundestag.de/btd/19/312/1931267.pdf>

### Malta

The filmed lessons are available free of charge online. Students may access the lessons at any time – as often as required. The contents are available on Teleskola.mt, a dedicated educational website run by the Ministry for Education.

<https://teleskola.mt/>

### Switzerland

Das Eidgenössische Hochschulinstitut für Berufsbildung EHB ist neu die Eidgenössische Hochschule für Berufsbildung EHB. Die gesetzliche Grundlage dafür ist am 1. August 2021 in Kraft getreten.

<https://www.ehb.swiss/medienmitteilung-hochschule>

## Upcoming events

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7th International Congress on Research in Vocational Education and Training: The deadline for paper submissions has been set for 15 August 2021. The congress is set for 2–4 February 2022.

<https://www.ehb.swiss/vet-congress-2022>

8.-9. September: The European Centre of Sustainable Development in collaboration with the Canadian Institute of Technology will organize the 9th International Conference on Sustainable Development with a focus on environmental, economic and socio-cultural sustainability.

<https://ecsdev.org/conference/9th-icsd-2021>

27 to 30 October 2021: 30th Annual EfVET International Conference

<https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/TVET+Events+Calendar>

16 November 2021

2021 International Vocational Education and Industry Training Association Symposium. The IVEITA Symposium will be a hybrid conference hosted by Shaanxi Polytechnic China and Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi, New Zealand.

<https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/international-vocational-education-and-industry-training-association-iveita->

06 to 07/12/2021: Fifth annual CareersNet meeting (virtual). New directions for partnerships in lifelong guidance and career development

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/events-and-projects/events/fifth-annual-careersnet-meeting?NL=112>



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