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Europe

European Union

European Education Area Progress Report

<https://education.ec.europa.eu/news/building-the-european-education-area-progress-report-published>

The Council today approved conclusions on the Youth Action Plan for engaging young people in EU external action. It supports the involvement of young people worldwide in policy-making by boosting their participation and engagement in international fora and allocating the necessary resources.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/de/press/press-releases/2022/11/28/youth-action-plan-council-involves-young-people-in-policy-making/>

Erasmus+: New call for €3 billion for education and training. A new set of Jean Monnet actions for schools will allow teachers (in schools and VETs) and teacher training institutions to apply for funding to teach about the EU in Erasmus+ Programme countries.

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/news/new-targeted-funding-for-schools-under-jean-monnet>

The Erasmus Without Paper assessment report

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/news/latest-erasmus-without-paper-assessment-shows-ewp-works-but-some-connections-have-problems>

In the trilogue negotiations, the EU Commission, Parliament and Council have agreed on an Effort Sharing Regulation. The legislative proposal is part of the Fit for 55 package and an important building block for how the EU climate target of 55 percent CO2 reduction by 2030 is to be achieved.

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2022_L21_revised_adv.pdf

"Fit for 55": The European Climate Change Act makes achieving the EU's climate target of reducing emissions in the EU by at least 55% by 2030 a legal obligation. EU countries are working on legislation to make the EU climate neutral by 2050.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/de/policies/green-deal/fit-for-55-the-eu-plan-for-a-green-transition/>

Competence Pact, as part of the European Competence Agenda, has grown to over 1000 members in its second year. The cooperation platform brings together companies, vocational training providers, associations and chambers within the framework of twelve strategic eco-economies and sectors. One of the goals of the European Skills Agenda is to have at least 60 percent of adults participating in a skills training measure each year by 2030.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/de/ip_22_6693



CEDEFOP

Cedefop's work on tackling early leaving from education and training is at the heart of a renewed strategy by the European Union towards the European Education Area and beyond (2021-2030).

ReferNet's 20th anniversary marked with Thessaloniki celebration

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/refernets-20th-anniversary-marked-thessaloniki-celebration>

Eurochambres

Business confidence at historic low for 2023: Eurochambres Economic Survey 2023

<https://www.eurochambres.eu/publication/eurochambres-economic-survey-2023-european-businesses-braced-for-a-rough-year-ahead/>

Retrospective: Final conference: Migration of African Talents through Capacity building and Hiring (MATCH) is a 36-month initiative funded by the European Union (EU) aimed at providing highly skilled talents to private sector companies whose needs for qualified staff cannot be satisfied by the offer available on the EU labour market.

<https://www.eurochambres.eu/event/match-project-final-conference/>

International organisations

UNESCO

Greening Education Partnership to close the green skills gap by outlining ways to create a more effective workforce to support economic growth in the face of climate challenges..

<https://www.un.org/en/transforming-education-summit/transform-the-world>

World Skills

The Competition has closed in Salzburg, Austria, marking the end of twelve weeks of skill competitions across 15 countries and regions. Results 2022

<https://worldskills2022se.com/results/>

Happy Pads from Ethiopia win BeChangeMaker 2022. The team from Ethiopia focus on sustainable sanitary products for women and girls and are the winner of this year's programme.

<https://worldskills.org/media/news/happy-pads-ethiopia-win-bechangemaker-2022/>

ILO

Youth initiatives win IsDB-ILO prizes for innovative ideas on green jobs and skills. The winners, who received their prizes at the COP27 UN Climate Change Conference, had responded to a joint IsDB-ILO Challenge Call aiming to build skills required for green jobs and promote youth participation in a just transition to a green economy.

https://www.ilo.org/beirut/media-centre/news/WCMS_861393/lang--en/index.htm

Countries

Denmark

To counteract the shortage of skilled workers: The Skills Council is composed of a broad spectrum of trade unions, employers' associations, educational institutions and companies. The council meets four times a year.

<https://fanet.dk/artikel/finanssektoren-nedsaetter-kompetenceraad>



Report on the work experience components in the four largest vocational bachelor's degree programmes: The internship is a central part of the training programmes for educator, nurse, teacher and social worker. But there is a big difference in how long and how often students do an internship during their training.

<https://www.eva.dk/videregaaende-uddannelse/forskelle-praktikken-paa->

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France

Selection practices: at the crossroads of education and employment

<https://www.cereq.fr/en/selection-practices-crossroads-education-and-employment>

Podcast: Employment and training in the face of the challenge of ecological change

<https://www.cereq.fr/podcasts/podcast-emploi-et-formation-face-au-defi-de-la-transition-ecologique>

Germany

Skilled Worker Immigration Act amended in October: Among the innovations is a revised uniform definition of skilled workers, which includes university graduates as well as employees with qualified vocational training. This means that candidates with a professional qualification and thus equivalent qualified vocational training can apply (see legal text § 18 para. 3 AufenthG). The equivalence of the foreign skilled worker's degree/professional qualification is checked in the so-called recognition procedure before entry and then granted.

<https://fachkraefteeinwanderungsgesetz.de/>

Norway

Adult Education Reform: Here you will find continuous updates on the development of the project.

<https://hkdir.no/fullfoeringsreformen/>

Applications for financial support for education cooperation in the Nordic and Baltic countries, including in vocational education and training, can be submitted until 1 February 2023.

<https://diku.no/programmer/nordplus>

Switzerland

The fifth trend report of the Swiss Observatory for Vocational and Professional Education and Training OBS SFIVET examines current developments in VET in Switzerland and Europe.

<https://www.ehb.swiss/forschung/obs/themen-und-trends/spannungsfelder-der-berufsbildung-international-schweiz>

A study on the state of the transition system for young people with "multiple challenges" shows current problems such as confusion in the structure of actors, one-sided objectives such as vocational integration and thus social integration falling by the wayside. Vocational education and training and the offers of the transition system are often overwhelmed when it comes to needs-oriented support. Developments as well as proposed solutions are presented on the strategic level, the case management level and the case monitoring level.

<https://sgab-srfp.ch/uebergangssystem-stoesst-an-grenzen/>

Study on bilingual teaching at vocational schools: In vocational education and training (apprenticeship and vocational baccalaureate), around one hundred bilingual courses are counted. Conclusions of the study are that the national languages are losing ground in favour of English and that these training courses sometimes differ considerably in terms of their duration or the number of weekly lessons.

<https://sgab-srfp.ch/zweisprachiger-unterricht-an-berufsschulen/>

Publication on the topic of inter-company courses: "Ausbilden und Lernen am dritten Lernort" (Training and learning at the third learning site) clarifies the peculiarities of a learning site-specific didactics and makes suggestions for the planning and implementation of training sequences as well as for the monitoring and assessment of learners at the third learning site.

<https://sgab-srfp.ch/labor-fuer-eine-zeitgemaesse-berufliche-bildung/>

Events

07/11/2022: Youth mental health in schools – a Nordic perspective. The Nordic Council of Ministers and The Nordic Network on mental well-being among young people in the Nordic countries.

https://www.norden.org/en/event/youth-mental-health-schools-nordic-perspective?utm_medium=email&utm_source=transactional&utm_campaign=Norden_Newsletter

03/02/2023: VET Winter Workshop, EHB, aims to discuss relevant (future) research topics and research questions in VET in an interdisciplinary way.

<https://www.ehb.swiss/veranstaltungen/vet-winterworkshop>



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