

European Skills Council

Textile Clothing Leather



Background

- Europe 2020: Europe's growth strategy with 5 objectives: employment, innovation, education, social inclusion and climate/energy
- Under employment/education/inclusion : one of the flagship initiatives 'New skills for new jobs' > Sector Councils on employment and skills at EU level (2010)
- Objective : Sector Councils are platforms at sector level where stakeholders seek to gain insight into the likely developments in employment and skills needs, with the aim of assisting policy making within or for this sector
- TCL sector was the first sector to carry out the feasibility study (2010) and to found a Skills Council (TCL Skills Council, 2011)

Project : Current situation

1. Good SD cooperation between European Social Partners (industriAll Europe, Euratex, Cotance). Long standing experience
2. Previous projects on 'national observatories' – but no interaction as yet
3. Labour market issues (aging workforce, lack of new skilled workers, skills mismatch, ...) > pressure on companies and industry
4. Public image of the sector (future of the sector in Europe, working conditions, ...)
5. 'New skills for new jobs' EU employment strategy

Expected results

1. Update of the analysis of national observatories (ISPs) on employment and training within the TCL sectors
2. Networking between observatories leading to an EU TCL Skills Council
3. Creation of data platform, best practice, innovative tools. Definition of services to be provided by the network. Establishment of joint initiatives
4. Design and development of ICT infrastructure and tools, based on an open community portal. ICT includes job interviews, Wiki tool, ...
5. Increase in visibility for the topics (skills & competences) and the sectors

Activities 2011: Update of the in-depth analysis of the existing observatories

On site visits

6 observatories visited



OBN-TAM (Italy)



Structured information obtained

Formal letters of intent

New observatory established for the Italian tanning sector



Activities in 2011 : Creation of website and identity – logo, video, leaflet



- 6 December 2011: Creation of EU TCL Sector Skills Council

Activities in 2012 : First year of the EU TCL Skills Council

- Statutes between SP have been signed (March 2012) : definition of Board members, EU TCL Skills Council members, Associate members
- 4 reports requested by the European Commission (finished)
- Three EU TCL Skills Council meetings (April – September – December)
- Final Conference: December 2012 (presentation reports, new video, ...)
- Final report: definition of policy recommendations for European Commission / national governments / social partners / other stakeholders (ref. presentation by Stephanie Le Berre)

Activities 2013: Second year of the EU TCL Skills Council

- Broaden the TCL Skills Council (by SP) to include more countries
- Provide budgets for bi/tri-lateral initiatives between national observatories
- Have at least one general activity for the associate members and the EU TCL Skills Council
- Further development of the ICT Tools
- Update the four reports (2012)
- Work on Policy Recommendations