Welcome to the ESCO community!

ESCOfestival 2019 - New resources available on the ESCO portal

The ESCO festival is a celebration of the implementation and use of the European Skills and Competences Ontology (ESCO) on the 20th of November 2019. ESCO allows comparing qualifications across the EU and serves as a common language to talk about qualifications.

In the context of the preparation of the ESCO version 1.1, the Commission designed an improved feedback mechanism and published on the ESCO portal four new dedicated communities to the country: ESCO German, ESCO France, ESCO British, and ESCO Spain. A community-based feedback to ESCO enables public and private organizations using ESCO to share their thoughts and experience on the use of ESCO and modern technical support. A community-based feedback to ESCO allows domain experts enable ESCO with in-depth contextual and country-specific information. Thus, they can provide their insights into the ESCO area to submit their feedback on the content of the ESCO classification. Finally, two feedbacks have been created for the members of the ESCO MSK and for Member States authorities.

Highlights

New ESCO Communication product available on the ESLO portal

New communication products about the ESCO portal have been published on the ESCO portal. These include a new ESCO newsletter, a demonstration video, and a new ESCO poster.

New expert group for structuring the Skills Pillar

An ESCO Expert Group for structuring the Skills Pillar (12/02/2019) has been created by the Commission. This group aims to discuss and improve the quality and usability of skills and competences in ESCO. It will also provide feedback on how ESCO can be improved.

News

08/11/2018

First training webinar on mapping to ESCO and technical support available to Member States

The first training webinar on mapping to ESCO and technical support became available to Member States. The webinar was held in English and it is the first step in the implementation process of the ESCO. The webinar offers guidance on how to define ESCO topics and the mapping process.

The webinar includes an overview of the implementation process for Member States, the use of ESCO to support the development of national use cases and presentation of national use cases and mapping tools. The webinar also provides technical support to the ESCO implementation process. The webinar will be followed by several follow-up webinars to support Member States.

01/10/2018

ESCO and Digital Labour Market conference in Greece

On 23 October 2018, the ESCO and Digital Labour Market conference took place in Athens, Greece. The conference was organized by the Greek Public Employment Service with the support of the European Commission. It aimed to discuss the future work on transversal skills and competences and to promote ESCO's use in the market.

During the conference, experts discussed the evolution of transversal skills and competences, the potential linking of learning outcomes of qualifications with ESCO, and the role of ESCO in the digital labour market.

The conference also included the presentation of the ESCO Implementation Manual, a new publication by the European Commission, which provides a comprehensive overview of ESCO and its use. The conference was an opportunity to discuss how ESCO is used in the market, in particular in the digital labour market.

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ESCO and Digital Labour Market conference in Poland

On 20-2 April 2019, the Commission participated in a 2-days conference in Warsaw, organized under the patronage of the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy of Poland, together with the European Commission's Representative in Poland and the Universities of Employment and Economy in Poland (2019).

During the conference, the Commission presented ESCO and the European Qualifications Framework and provided an overview of the new European and the technical infrastructure for the European digitally signed Credentials.

The conference also included the presentation of national use cases and projects where ESCO is applied.

The main purpose of the event was to inform different stakeholders, such as Public Employment services, the Ministry of Family, Social Affairs and Labor of Poland, and Polish Labour and Social Policy of Poland, together with the European Commission’s Representative in Poland and the Universities of Employment and Economy in Poland (2019).

The conference was attended by representatives of national and regional authorities, as well as by public employment services, employers and trade unions, public and private higher education institutions, universities of applied sciences, employers organisations, chambers of commerce, chambers of industry, chambers of crafts, training institutions, training agencies, training providers, social partners, as well as by representatives of European Employment Services Development Network.

The main aim of the event was to inform different stakeholders on the current status of the implementation of ESCO and to discuss the next steps of the ESCO implementation process.

On 10/04/2019, upon invitation by the EURES Spain National Coordinator, the Commission visited the Central Public Employment Services, which is also a joint appeal for technical assistance on ESCO and the implementation of EURES Spain in their systems.

This was one of the regular conferences of the working group, which is established by EURES Spain dealing with the study of the two implementation scenarios, i.e. either mapping to or adopting ESCO.

Technical visit to Madrid to support the Spanish authority in their systems

The Commission presented the new national ESCO group where different stakeholders decided to create a national ESCO group where different relevant services will be able to discuss ESCO and its implementation.

The conference also included the presentation of national use cases and projects where ESCO is applied. Following the event, the participants decided to create a national ESCO group where different relevant services will be able to discuss ESCO-related issues at national level.

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