

ESCO - European Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations

Highlights



01/04/2019

Welcome to the ESCO community!**Online fora published on the ESCO portal**

In the context of the preparation of ESCO version 1.1, the Commission designed an improved feedback mechanism and published on the ESCO portal four online fora dedicated to the community of ESCO stakeholders. A community forum dedicated to ESCO implementers allows public and private organisations implementing ESCO to submit their feedback on the use of ESCO and receive technical support. A community forum dedicated to domain experts enables organisations from all domains of the economy and the education and training area to submit their feedback on the content of the ESCO classification. Finally, two fora have been created for the members of the ESCO MAI and for Member States authorities.

[Join the ESCO community fora!](#)

News

09/11/2018

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

Following the entry into force of the Implementing Decisions provided for in art.19 (2) and (6) of the EURES Regulation, the Commission is providing Member States with [technical assistance](#) in order to facilitate the mapping exercise.

This includes the deployment of the ESCO mapping platform, an IT application designed to help establish and update inventories and mapping tables between national classifications and ESCO: to support Member States in using the platform, the Commission published the [ESCO Mapping Platform User Manual](#). The Commission also published the [ESCO Implementation Manual](#), a manual that explains the methodology for establishing accurate mapping relations between national occupation or skills concepts and ESCO concepts. The Commission is also organizing country support visits upon request by Member States.

Finally, the Commission is organizing dedicated training sessions for Member States. The [first training webinar](#) was organized on 9 November 2018. You can find the recording [here](#).

29/11/2018

The Commission met with ESCO implementers to learn lessons on how ESCO is used

The Commission has started a series of study visits to assess the quality, impact and user-friendliness of ESCO on the basis of specific metrics. With such visits, the Commission aims at getting a more in-depth understanding of how ESCO is used in the market, in particular services and business cases, collecting data from the current implementers to assess ESCO's performance, improving the KPI framework and getting any additional feedback on how ESCO could be improved. In the context of this programme, the Commission has visited [Textkernel](#), [EURES](#) and [Docebo](#). More visits will take place in the course of 2019.

10/01/2019

New communication products available on the ESCO portal

New communication products have been published on the ESCO portal. These include the [ESCO Swatchbook](#), a collection of use cases of ESCO, testimonial videos from the [Public Employment Service of Iceland](#) and [Docebo](#), a [standard ESCO presentation](#) and the [ESCO 2018 Annual report](#).

23-24/01/2019

ESCO and Digital Labour Market conference in Greece

On 23-24 January, the Commission participated in a [2-days conference](#) in Athens organised by the Greek Public Employment Service with the participation of more than 50 representatives of national stakeholders. During the conference, the Commission presented ESCO and its use cases and provided an overview of the new Europass 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. Following the event, the participant stakeholders decided to create a national ESCO group where different relevant services will be able to discuss ESCO-related issues at national level.

06/02/2019

Joint meeting of the EQF Advisory Group and the ESCO Member States Working Group

The joint meeting of the EQF Advisory Group and the ESCO Member States Working Group took place in Brussels on 6 February 2019.

During the meeting, the Commission informed both groups on the outcomes of a [study on the further development of the qualifications pillar](#), on the future work on transversal skills and competences and on the technical infrastructure for the European Digitally Signed Credentials.

20/02/2019

Presentation of ESCO to the Nationaler EUROPASS/ESCO-Begleitausschuss (MLVG)

The German [Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) hosted the first meeting of the newly formed national ESCO-Europass working group.

The group is composed of a wide range of German ESCO stakeholders, including the [Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs](#), Social partners, chambers of commerce, [public employment service](#), and various education stakeholders including [KMK](#) and [BIBB](#).

The Commission presented the [New Europass](#) and the state of play of ESCO. Participants discussed inter alia the evolution of the qualifications pillar and the potential linking of learning outcomes of qualifications with the skills and competences pillar of ESCO.

06/03/2019

New expert group for structuring the Skills Pillar

A new expert group, composed of three experts, is supporting the Commission in developing a skill and knowledge hierarchy to allow users access the ESCO skill and knowledge concepts more easily and intuitively.

The first expert workshop took place on 6 March 2019 in Brussels and it was dedicated to defining the work plan and the methodology.

The second expert workshop took place on 9 April 2019 again in Brussels during which the experts presented the current status of their work.

Once the skill and knowledge hierarchy is completed, it will enable users to search and retrieve the ESCO skill and knowledge concepts in order to, inter alia, compile CVs and job vacancies, link qualifications with ESCO skill and knowledge concepts, map skill and knowledge classifications to ESCO, create skill (self-)assessment tools and provide targeted career guidance.

11/03/2019 – 12/03/2019

ESCO and Digital Labour Market conference in Slovenia

On 11-12 March 2019, the Commission participated in a two-days conference on ESCO and Europass in Ljubljana.

The main purpose of the event was to inform different stakeholders, such as Public employment services, the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Education, the National Statistical Office and the Chamber of Commerce, on recent developments focusing on implementation and use cases and to allow the Commission to support Slovenia in the implementation of ESCO at national level. The Commission presented the EU skills and qualifications policy, including ESCO and the European Digitally Signed Credentials

02/04/2019 – 03/04/2019

ESCO and Digital Labour Market conference in Poland

On 2-3 April 2019, the Commission participated in a 2-days conference in Warsaw, organized under the honorary patronage of the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy of Poland, together with the European Commission's Representation in Poland and the Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers in Poland (ZPP),

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Technical visit to Madrid to support the Spanish authorities on the implementation of ESCO

On 10 April 2019, upon invitation by the EURES Spain National Coordinator, the Commission visited the Central Public Employment Services of Spain (SEPE) in Madrid to offer technical assistance on the implementation of ESCO in their systems. This was one of the regular meetings 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.

Events with ESCO participation

17 October 2018, Geneva

[20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians - Session on the Review of the case for revision of ISCO-08](#)

15 November 2018, Brussels

[Sectoral Skills for the Future – Blueprint in the Spotlight](#)

5-6 December 2018, Seoul

[International conference on Active Labour Market Policies for Inclusive Growth and Employment Services Development](#)

12 December 2018, Ghent

[MATES WORKSHOP Mind the gap: Analysis of digital skills needs in the Shipbuilding and Off-shore Renewable Energy sectors](#)

17 December 2018

EQF AG Peer Learning Activity: Validating and Valuing transversal skills and competencies acquired by adults through volunteering and other non-formal learning opportunities

29-30 January 2019, Athens

[EuandU](#)

4-5 February 2019, London

[Recruitment Agency EXPO](#)

7 February 2019, Brussels

[9th meeting of the ESCO MSWG](#)

19 February 2019, Brussels

[Kick off meeting of the Pilot project "Finance, Learning, Innovation and Patenting for Cultural and Creative Industries"](#)

19 - 20- 21 March 2019

[E-learning EXPO, Paris](#)

21- 22 March 2019, Budapest

PLA on national qualifications databases

26 March 2019, Brussels

[29th ESCO Maintenance Committee](#)

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