



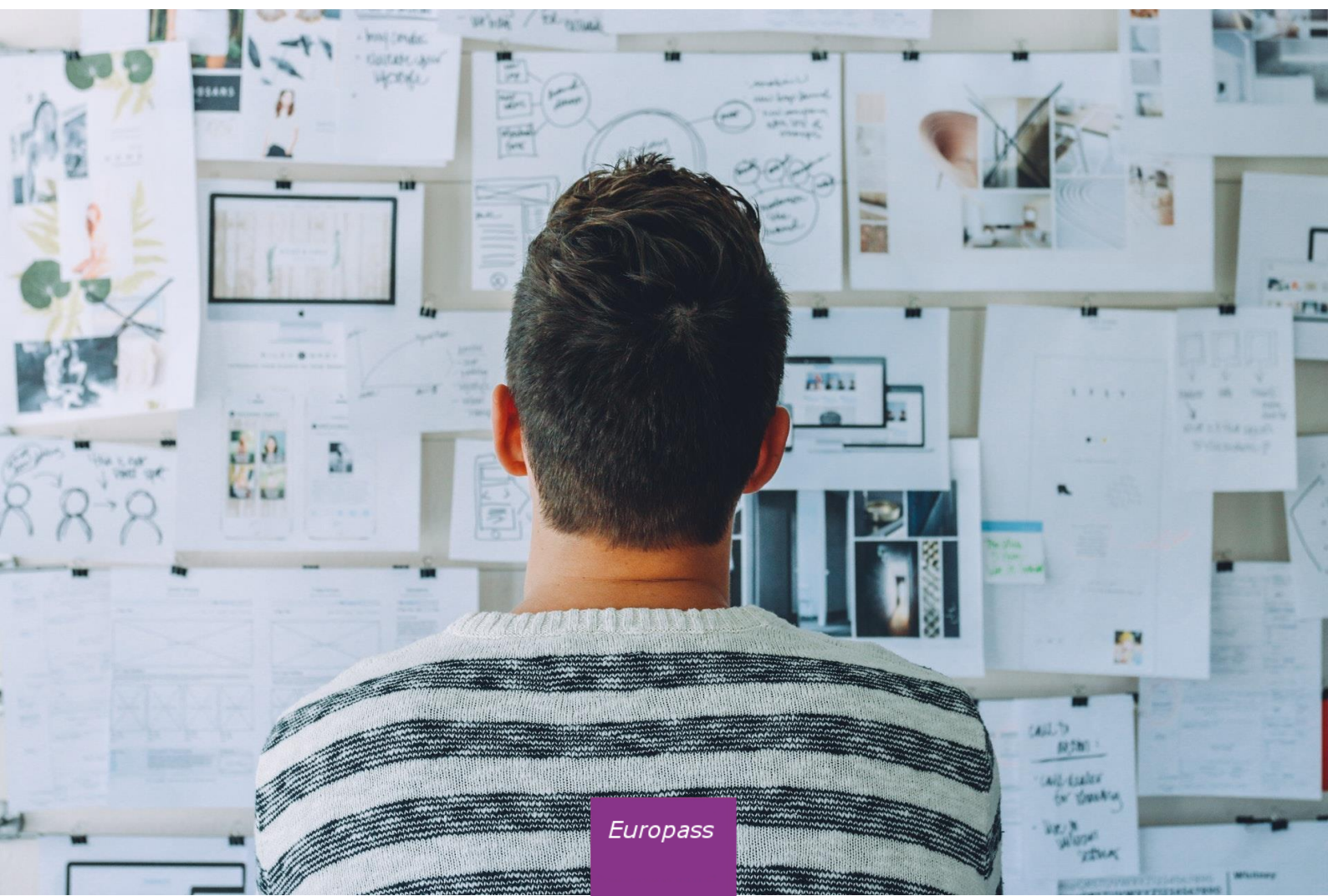
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# A more comprehensive service

## Europass Information Provision

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## 1 Purpose of the document

This document sets out context and the Commission approach to the development of Europass Information provision. The document includes information on the operation of established information provision and the Commission approach to a phased, ongoing development of priority information in Europass to support career management and lifelong learning.

The Europass Advisory Group is invited to give feedback on the elements of the planned development as set out below.

## 2 Context

Article 3(2) of the new Europass Decision sets out that Europass shall provide information or links to available information on the following topics:

- a) learning opportunities
- b) qualifications and qualifications frameworks or systems
- c) opportunities for validation of non-formal and informal learning
- d) recognition practices and relevant legislation in different countries, including third countries
- e) services offering guidance for transnational learning mobility and career management
- f) skills intelligence as produced by relevant Union-level activities and agencies within their domains of competence
- g) information on skills and qualifications that could be relevant to the particular needs of third country nationals arriving or residing in the Union to support their integration

The purpose of providing this information is to make Europass a more comprehensive service with information that can enhance the use of the web-based tools and support education, training and career choices. In each case, the different types of information above are already collected and presented in a number of EU tools and services. Including this information in the new Europass offers an opportunity to review the relevance and quality of the information for users.

The new Decision sets out that the Commission and Member States share responsibility for provision of this information (see: *Article 6 The Commission's tasks* and *Article 7 Member States' tasks*).

The Commission information provision tasks each involve linking to or use of information available from other sources.

Each of the Member States' information provision tasks are previously established on-going tasks. The table below summarises these shared tasks.

New Decision <i>Article 3 (2):</i>	Responsibility
The Europass online platform shall provide available information or links to available information on the following topics:	
a) learning opportunities	Member State task: established, co-financed function of the National Euroguidance Centres. Information currently uploaded to <i>Learning Opportunities and Qualifications in Europe Portal (LOQ)</i>
b) qualifications and qualifications frameworks or systems	Member State task: established, co-financed function of EQF: National Co-ordination Points (NCPs). Information currently uploaded to <i>LOQ</i> and, in some cases, <i>ESCO</i> .
c) opportunities for validation of non-formal and informal learning	Commission task
d) recognition practices and relevant legislation in different countries, including third countries	Member State task: established, co-financed function of the National Euroguidance Centres. Information currently uploaded to <i>LOQ</i> .
e) services offering guidance for transnational learning mobility and career management	Member State task: established, co-financed function of the National Euroguidance Centres. Information currently uploaded to <i>LOQ</i> .
f) skills intelligence as produced by relevant Union-level activities and agencies within their domains of competence	Commission task
g) information on skills and qualifications that could be relevant to the particular needs of third country nationals arriving or residing in the Union to support their integration	Commission task

### 3 Europass Information Provision: Planned Development

As part of Phase 1 development of the new Europass, the Commission will:

- develop a dedicated project plan for Europass information services, to include development of criteria and methodology to ensure quality, consistency and relevance of all information to be included in the new Europass
- map and review each of the Member State information provision tasks, based on the relevance and quality criteria to be established, and also explore how interoperability solutions can be used to minimise any administrative burden for Member States.

- plan for the closure of the Learning Opportunities and Qualifications in Europe Portal (LOQ) and the incorporation of all the content from the LOQ within the new Europass online platform. This development work will plan for a smooth transition from the LOQ to the new Europass platform and ensure continuity of the ongoing work of Member States in uploading information. It is expected that the LOQ will be fully closed by the launch of Phase 1 (Winter 2019/2020).
- begin a review of existing Union sources of information on validation ((c), above) and information relevant to third country nationals ((g), above). Regarding skills intelligence information ((f), above), the Commission will continue its work with Cedefop on an approach to inclusion of this information in the new Europass.

The Commission will consult with the relevant national services, and other stakeholders, on all aspects of Europass information provision.

## 4 Next steps

The Commission will present an overview of ongoing information provision and progress with the review of each information type and tasks at the second meeting of the Europass Advisory Group in [December 2018](#).