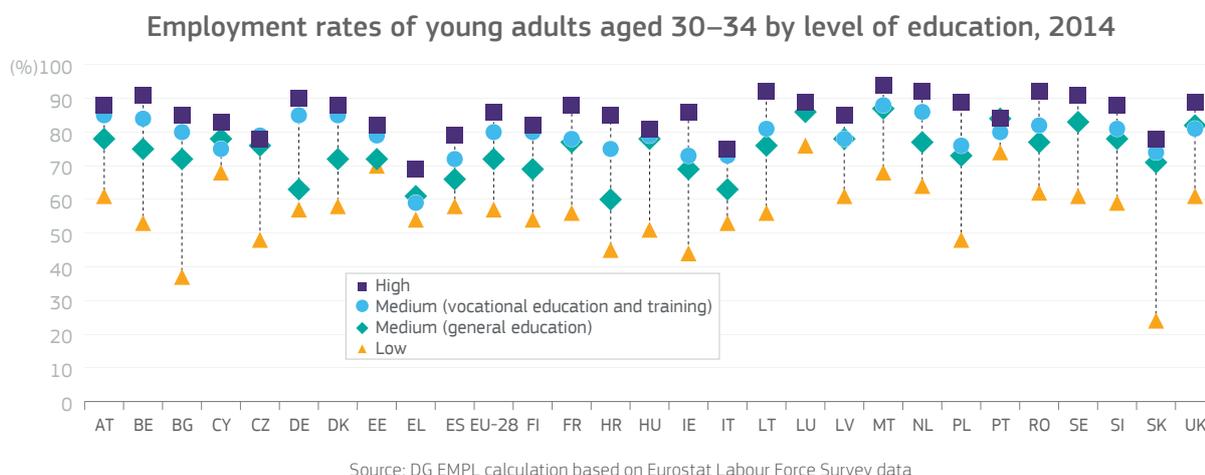
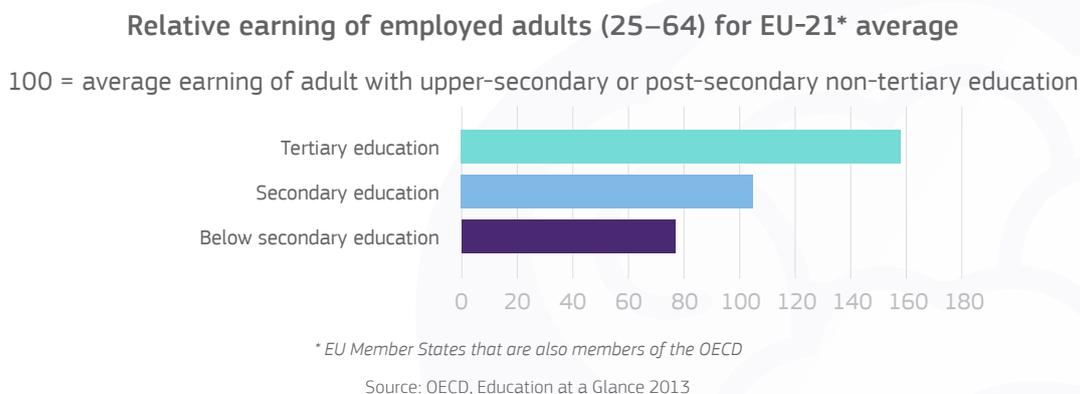


Investment in education pays off. In the EU-28, employment rates are highest for those with higher education or VET diplomas; those with (secondary level) general education suffer a substantial disadvantage in the labour market.



Skills, an excellent investment for individuals

Higher levels of educational attainment and skills also go along with higher individual earnings on the labour market. Among those who have a job, earnings increase on average by 7.4% for each additional year of education.



How will the New Skills Agenda for Europe help Member States to invest more in skills and talents?

- Raise awareness among Member States and stakeholders
- Keep dialogue with Member States on how to make best use of EU Financial Programmes (European Social Fund, European Regional Development Fund, etc.) to achieve the Skills Agenda objectives
- Use the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) to boost private-sector investment in skills development