

**BOOSTING APPRENTICESHIPS ACROSS EUROPE** 

#EUSkillsAgenda



## **European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships**



#### **ErasmusPRO**

The Framework proposed by the Commission sets out criteria that improve the quality and effectiveness of an apprenticeship, to the benefit of both learners and companies.

The Commission launched *ErasmusPRO*, as part of the *Erasmus+ Programme*, so that vocational students and apprentices have more opportunities to stay abroad for training in a company for a longer period (3–12 months).



#### **Apprenticeships across Europe**

The European Commission has brought together governments, businesses and the world of education and training through a number of initiatives to mobilise apprenticeships, leading to close to 1.3 million opportunities since 2013. Apprenticeships are vocational education and training programmes that combine company-based training with school-based education, leading to a nationally recognised qualification.

Number of opportunities



EU Funds supporting apprenticeships"

- · European Social Fund
- Erasmus+, incl. ErasmusPRO
- · Youth Employment Initiative

(\*) Apprenticeships, traineeships and entry-level jobs.

(\*\*) €27,000 million European Social Fund (education & training) + €400 million ErasmusPRO + €8,800 million Youth Employment Initiative budget 2014–2020 supporting employment and training, incl. apprenticeships of young people.



#### STATE OF PLAY - 10 ACTIONS UNDER THE EU SKILLS AGENDA



### European Qualifications Framework



#### **Upskilling Pathways initiative**



The Commission and Member States reinforced the EQF to make people's skills and qualifications more visible and comparable across Europe.

Member States adopted the Commission's *Upskilling Pathways' Initiative* which will give people who struggle with basic skills a chance to improve them.



### Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition



#### Europass Framework



The Commission launched the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition to help companies find the ICT specialists they need and close the digital skills gap.

The Commission proposed to modernise the Europass CV which has more than 60 million users, along with other Europass documents and tools on the Europass portal.



### Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills



# Making vocational education and training a first choice



The Commission is implementing the Blueprint in 12 different sectors of the economy to address skills mismatches and create skills strategies that meet the needs of the sectors and help them grow.

Building on the success of last year's first edition of a European Vocational Skills Week, the Commission will hold a second European edition of the event from 20–24 November 2017.



# Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals



### **Graduate Tracking**



The Commission developed a multilingual EU Skills Profile Tool to help national authorities identify the skills of non-EU migrants, to ease their path to work or education, and their integration in society.

The Commission proposed an initiative on graduate tracking to improve information on how graduates progress in their careers or further education after finishing their studies.



#### Research on brain drain



To better understand the impact of brain drain in Europe, the Commission launched a dedicated study to be combined with mutual learning between countries to share direct experiences.



#### Key Competences Framework



Before the end of the year, the Commission will present a proposal to determine which key competences young people need to learn to succeed in the job market and in life.