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# The renewed European Alliance for Apprenticeships

Action plan 2020–2021

Activities calendar

Period	Events	Webinars	Online trainings	Live discussions
September 2020	<p>Webinar with the European Training Foundation for Candidate Countries: Key developments on work-based learning since the Riga summit <i>Date: 24 September 2020</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Horizontal issues</b></p> <p>Role of the regions (online event) <i>Date: 29 September 2020</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Priority 3 – Regions and cities</b></p>	<p><b>W10:</b> Role of the chambers – Focus on SMEs <i>Date: 23 September 2020</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Priority 2 – SMEs</b></p>		
October 2020				
November 2020	<p>European Vocational Skills Week (EVSW) high-level reinforced EAfA online event – Green skills <i>Date: 10 November 2020</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Priority 1 – Quality</b></p> <p>4th benchlearning coordinators' meeting <i>Date: 26 November 2020</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Priority 1 – Quality</b></p> <p>European Network of Cities for Apprenticeships online workshop <b>Priority 3 – Regions and cities</b></p>	<p><b>W11:</b> Role of employer organisations <i>Date: 25 November 2020</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Priority 4 – Social dialogue</b></p>	<p><b>OTM4:</b> In-company trainers: Roles and responsibilities, skills required and training needs (specific focus on SMEs) <b>Priority 2 – SMEs</b></p>	<p><b>LD4:</b> EVSW preparatory discussion: Green skills <b>LD5:</b> EVSW preparatory discussion: Digital skills <i>Date: 9 November 2020</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Priority 1 – Quality</b></p>
December 2020		<p><b>W12:</b> Rights and protection of apprentices at work</p>		

		<i>Date: 11 December 2020</i>		
		<b>Priority 6 – Apprentices’ representation</b>		
January 2021	European Network of Cities for Apprenticeships online workshop <i>Date: 21 January 2021</i> <b>Priority 3 – Regions and cities</b> The role of regions and cities – Green and digital transition (online) <i>Date: 26 January 2021</i> <b>Priority 3 – Regions and cities</b>			<b>LD6:</b> Pact for Skills <i>Date: 19 January 2021</i> <b>Priority 1 – Quality</b>
February 2021		<b>W13:</b> National financing systems and differences in apprentice pay (focus on SMEs) <b>Priority 1 – Quality</b> <b>Priority 2 – SMEs</b>	<b>OTM5:</b> Involvement of social partners at different stages of apprenticeships <b>Priority 4 – Social dialogue</b>	<b>LD7:</b> What does quality mean in practice? Integrating the apprentice’s perspective <b>Priority 6 – Apprentices’ representation</b>
March 2021	High-level meeting on 3 years of the European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships and the International Labour Organization (international standards), plus national coalitions <i>Date: 15 March 2021</i> <b>Priority 1 – Quality</b> The role of regions and cities (online)			

	<p><b>Priority 3 – Regions and cities</b></p> <p>Launch of Cities4Apprenticeships Network (Rome)</p> <p><i>Date: Spring 2021</i></p> <p><b>Priority 3 – Regions and cities</b></p>			
April 2021		<p><b>W14:</b> Inter-company training centres and Centres of Vocational Excellence</p> <p><b>Priority 2 – SMEs</b></p>	<p><b>OTM6:</b> Digital education action plan and digitalisation in apprenticeships</p> <p><b>Priority 1 – Quality</b></p>	<p><b>LD8:</b> Why might employers be reluctant to establish apprenticeships in their organisations? Understanding barriers to implementation</p> <p><b>Priority 1 – Quality</b></p> <p><b>Priority 2 – SMEs</b></p>
May 2021		<p><b>W15:</b> In what ways can simulation software and serious games support apprenticeships?</p> <p><b>Priority 1 – Quality</b></p>		
June 2021	<p>Role of the regions and cities (European Committee of the Regions, Brussels)</p> <p><b>Priority 3 – Regions and cities</b></p>		<p><b>OTM7:</b> Apprenticeships as first choice – A guide to apprenticeships to young and adult learners</p> <p><b>Priority 1 – Quality</b></p>	<p><b>LD9:</b> Discussions on sector dimension</p> <p><b>Priority 5 – Sectoral social dialogue</b></p>
July 2021		<p><b>W16:</b> Financial and non-financial support for SMEs</p> <p><b>Priority 2 – SMEs</b></p>		

August 2021				
September 2021	European Training Foundation event (Belgrade) <b>Horizontal issue</b>	<b>W17:</b> Experience from, and advantages of, national apprenticeship coalitions <b>Priority 1 – Quality</b>		<b>LD10:</b> Ensuring gender balance in apprenticeships <b>Horizontal issue</b>
October 2021	Learners' perspective (Barcelona) <b>Priority 6 – Apprentices' representation</b>		<b>OTM8:</b> Communicating apprenticeships <b>Priority 1 – Quality</b>	<b>LD11:</b> How can apprenticeships be used as a tool for social inclusion? <b>Horizontal issue</b>
November 2021	In the context of the EVSW: EAfA event on the attractiveness of apprenticeships (innovation, entrepreneurship, soft skills, transversal skills) <b>Horizontal issues</b>	<b>W18:</b> Experience from, and advantages of, supply chains for SMEs <b>Priority 2 - SMEs</b>		
December 2021				<b>LD12:</b> How to ensure efficient and effective communication between schools and companies <b>Priority 1 – Quality</b>