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# PES Network Newsletter

European Network of Public Employment Services

## Network Highlights



## PES Network Elects New Chair and Vice-Chair

Congratulations to Ms Caroline Mancel, Deputy Director General of the Brussels based Public Employment Service Actiris, on becoming the new Chair as of 1 July 2023, and Ms Inga Balnanosienė, Director of Employment Services in Lithuania, on being elected as the First Vice Chair starting from 1 January 2024. [Read more.](#)



During its meeting held in Stockholm, the PES Network Board adopted common guidelines for PES supporting the labour market integration of displaced people and refugees. The considerations highlight areas of particular importance for the labour market integration of refugees and displaced people related to language, skills and qualifications, partners and institutions, and employers. [Read more.](#)

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## More News from the PES Network



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**Why benchlearning is a brilliant endeavour**

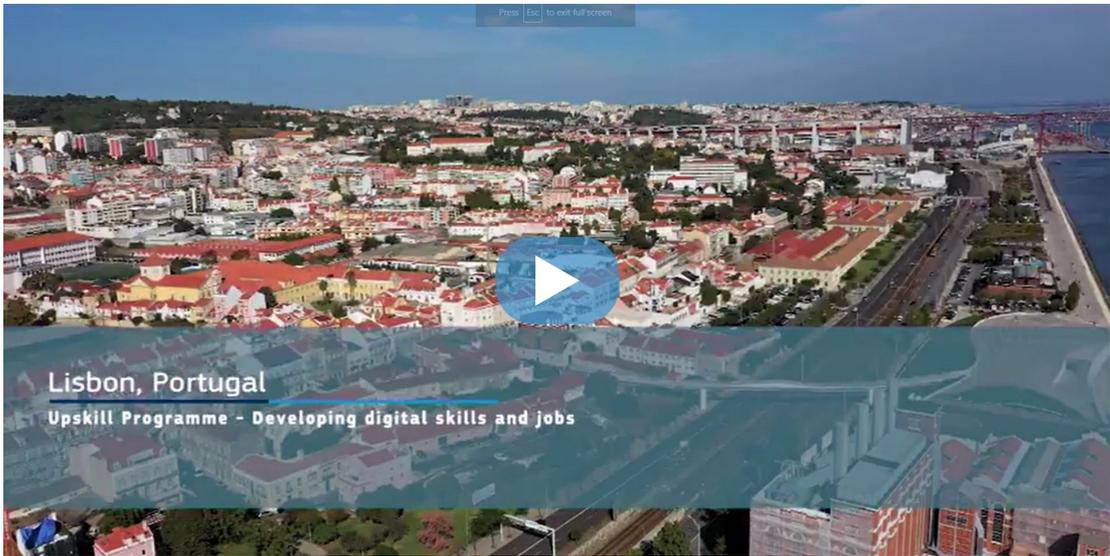
Listen to Kristina Fleischer from the Croatian PES and Bernd Becking from the PES Network Secretariat as they share their views based on nearly 30 peer PES assessments between them in the past seven years

In the latest PESPod episode, we hear from two PES Network experts – Ms Kristina Fleischer and Mr Bernd Becking – about how and why the PES Network’s peer benchlearning assessments represent such a positive European initiative and the benefits they are providing to PES across Europe. [Listen now](#) or [learn more](#).

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[\*\*Bridging the green and digital skills gap in Europe: new PES Network videos\*\*](#)

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**Lisbon, Portugal**

Upskill Programme - Developing digital skills and jobs

**'Upskill' programme in Portugal**



**Mount Lucas - Offaly, Ireland**

The National Construction Training Centre - Training in green skills

 Co-funded by the EU (European Social Fund)

**Green Skills Training in Ireland**



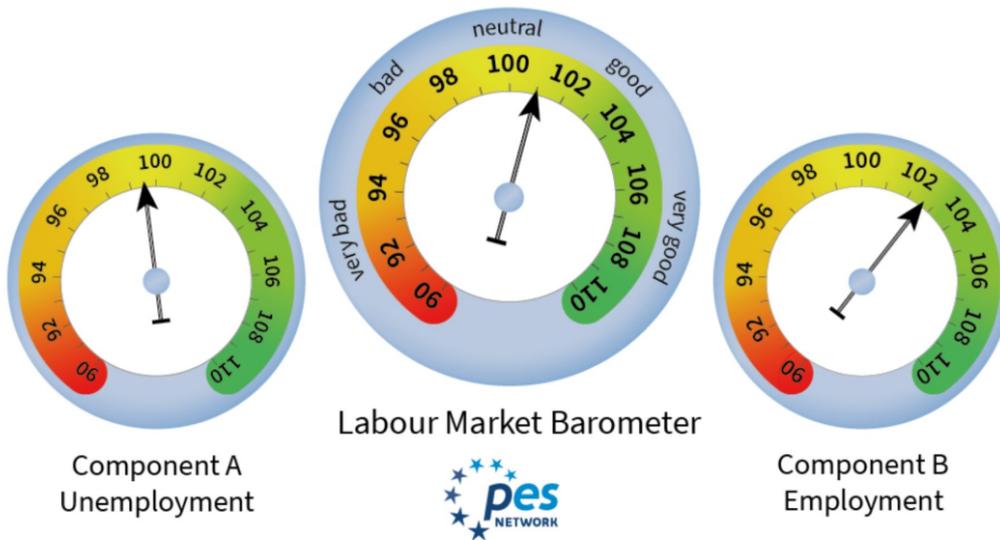
**Skellefteå, Sweden**

Relocate Project - Relocating to green sectors

 Co-funded by the European Union (European Social Fund)

**'Relocate' project in Sweden**

The labour market outlook for the next three months is ...



The European Labour Market Barometer fell for the second time in a row, currently at 101.0 points with a decline of 0.6 points since May. Unemployment shows a slight increase, while employment growth is expected to continue at a slower pace. [Read more.](#)

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**[How can PES support the greening of the labour market?](#)**

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**[What is the future of professional skills recognition and assessment?](#)**

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**[How can labour market interventions help people into work?](#)**

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[see more](#)

Latest Network Publications

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**[New forms of PES service delivery - \[Thematic Paper\]](#)**

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**[A contribution to the European Year of Skills - \[Opinion Paper\]](#)**

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**[New forms of skills assessment and validation – impact on PES services and counselling - \[Thematic Paper\]](#)**

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**Labour market integration of displaced people and refugees - Update of Key Considerations - [Report]**

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**PES support to greening of the labour market - [Thematic Paper]**

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**New forms of active labour market policy programmes - [Study]**

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**[see more](#)**

## Upcoming Network Events

### **Working Group on Evidence-based**

**service design**

3 October 2023

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### **Working Group on Taxonomies**

5 October 2023

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### **Meeting of the Advisers for European PES Affairs**

12-13 October 2023

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### **Benchlearning Workshop of Assessors**

24 October 2023

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### **Benchlearning Training of Assessors**

25 October 2023

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### **Thematic Review Workshop on Adapting PES digital tools for better inclusion**

7-8 November 2023

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### **PES Board Meeting, Spanish Presidency**

14-15 December 2023

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**[see more](#)**

## EU Employment News

**Commission proposal on developing social economy framework conditions**

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**EU Commissioners discuss the progress of the integration of people fleeing Russia's invasion of Ukraine**

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**Current trends on the European labour market and ELA activities to help better prepare for the changes expected**

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**Pact for Skills has already helped 2 million people that benefit from up-and-reskilling activities**

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**Commission adopts Spring Package**

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**Commission report finds labour and skills shortages persist and looks at possible ways to tackle them**

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