

EUROPEAN ALLIANCE FOR APPRENTICESHIPS

NATIONAL COMMITMENT

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Short description of the **ministry / ministries involved**

The Vocational Training Act has the following purpose and objectives: Professional and personal development and integration into society and working life; practical relevance; maintenance of the competitiveness of businesses; balance of educational opportunities in social, regional, and international contexts; de facto equality between men and women; elimination of discrimination against persons with disabilities; permeability of educational courses; transparency of the Vocational education and training (VET) system; as well as international cooperation and mobility of learners.

Among other duties, the Office for Vocational Education and Career Counselling supervises VET. It is subordinated to the Ministry for Home Affairs, Education and Environment. The Government is assisted by the Vocational Training Council, which is composed of a maximum of seven members, including representatives from professional organizations, one representative from school-based VET, as well as one representative from the Office of Education, and the Office for Vocational Training and Career Counselling, respectively. The Office for Vocational Training and Career Counselling offers vocational, study and career guidance for adolescents and young adults up to age 25, free of charge.

Focus of this commitment

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Image | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility |

Short description of the **reform(s)/initiative(s)**

- Enhance the quality of apprenticeships in VET
- Strengthen apprenticeships and VET in general, on a national and European level
- Achieve comparability and transparency with the European Union by implementing the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)
- Centralise all information and channels of information around apprenticeships and VET for youth, parents, schools and interested companies
- Enhance and improve information on apprenticeships through the vocational information centre in the Principality of Liechtenstein
- Introduce digital communication tools and possibilities in apprenticeships to address the young generation

The European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA) is a multi-stakeholder initiative to strengthen the supply, quality and image of apprenticeships. The commitment will be published on the EAfA webpage.

Web: ec.europa.eu/apprenticeships-alliance

Email: empl-eafa@ec.europa.eu

- Enhance the mobility of apprentices in VET

Added value of the commitment

The Principality of Liechtenstein is committed to exchange knowledge on apprenticeships and VET with other countries. It further aims to achieve:

- Strengthen the attractiveness and image of apprenticeships and VET in general
- Higher transparency and comparability of Liechtenstein VET qualifications, including those acquired through apprenticeships, by implementing the NQF
- Satisfied customers (people/companies that seek any kind of information about VET in general in Liechtenstein like parents, companies which train apprentices of any kind of profession, teachers, school leavers and trainees) by pooling necessary information
- Improvement of operational procedures for apprenticeships at the Office for Vocational Education and Career Counselling
- Improved cooperation and partnerships within the European Economic Area offers new possibilities for the mobility of apprentices in VET

Partners that will be involved in the initiative:

- Government/Ministry for Home Affairs, Education and Environment
- Office for Vocational Education and Career Counselling
- Stakeholders

Signature and date

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