Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills and Erasmus+ programme for new skills development

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Why?

Employment rates of young adults aged 30–34 by level of education, 2014

Source: DG EMPL calculation based on Eurostat Labour Force Survey data
Source: SkillsPanorama
Skills under-utilisation
New Skills Agenda for Europe

- The Commission proposed 10 actions:
  1. A Skills Guarantee
  2. A review of the European Qualifications Framework
  3. The "Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition" to ensure that individuals and the labour force in Europe are equipped with adequate digital skills.
  4. The ‘Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills’ to improve skills intelligence and address skills shortages in specific economic sectors.
  5. A "Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals" to support early identification and profiling of skills and qualifications of asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants.
  6. A revision of the Europass Framework
  7. Making Vocational Education and Training (VET) a first choice
  8. A review of the Recommendation on Key Competences
  9. An initiative on graduate tracking
  10. A proposal to further analyse and exchange best practices on effective ways to address brain drain.
Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills

- *Sector-specific skills solutions* based on an industry-led 3-step approach:

1. Evidence of *skills gaps* and their potential impact on growth, innovation and competitiveness

2. Translate sectoral strategy into *forecasts* and actions on jobs and skills

3. Roll out EU sectoral partnerships at *national and regional level* and expand to more sectors
Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills

• **Pilot in 6 sectors:**
  automotive, defence, maritime technology, textile-clothing-leather-footwear, space (earth observation) and tourism

• **Second wave:**
  construction, steel, health, green technologies and renewable energies
European Skills Councils

- Councils set up in 2 sectors:
  1. Textile, clothing & leather
  2. Commerce (retail & wholesale)

- Feasibility studies:
  - Nursing
  - Construction
  - Steel
  - Gas
  - Automotive
  - Chemicals
  - Fishery
  - Furniture
  - Shipbuilding
  - Audiovisual & live performance
  - Agriculture
  - Electricity
  - Sports & leisure
  - Dairy
Rationale behind...

• Raise awareness among Member States and stakeholders
• best use of EU Financial Programmes (ESF, ERDF etc.) to achieve the Skills Agenda objectives
• Use the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) to boost private-sector investment in skills development
Three steps

1. Is the *sector ready* for an EU-wide partnership on skills?
2. Sectoral *EU-partnerships* for sustainable cooperation
3. National and regional level *roll-out*
Prerequisites

- Dialogue among all stakeholders
- Representativeness
- Agreement
- Openness
- Sustainability
What has been done so far

- ESCO
- EQF/NQFs
- Qualifications databases (e.g. SK - 1000 formal/non-formal qualifications)
- Occupational profiles (e.g. SK, CZ - National Occupational Database)
- Sectoral agreements (CZ - methodology)
Erasmus+

• 2016: specific call open only to six pilot sectors has been published under the „Erasmus+ Sector Skills Alliances“ (KA3 - centralised action)

• 2017: call open for Sector Skills Alliances, KA - strategic partnerships
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