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EVENTS, WORKSHOPS WEBINARS

2-2-2021: Pact for Skills: support for upskilling and reskilling under Erasmus+

Hosted by the Pact for Skills team, this first **webinar** on relevant EU funding opportunities will discuss how Erasmus+ can support upskilling and reskilling of people of working age. This webinar will take place between **10.00-11.00 CET**. It will be a chance to learn about the upcoming funding opportunities under the Erasmus+ with focus on: - three main actions in the Programme -Centres of Vocational Excellence - Skills Alliances, including Blueprint for sectoral cooperation on skills. More info: <http://bit.ly/2NX5VIT>

11-2-2021: Union of equality: LGBTIQ equality strategy 2020-2025

Equality and non-discrimination are fundamental rights and core values in the EU, enshrined in its Treaties and in the Charter of fundamental rights. "Equal opportunities" is also the first chapter of the European pillar of social rights. However, the Council of the EU continues to block the 2008 Commission proposal for an equal treatment directive, which covers discrimination based on sexual orientation. Having requested a referral to produce an opinion on this strategy, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) is starting by organising a remote public hearing to evaluate how the LGBTIQ community continues to be discriminated against and to collect views on how to effectively tackle such discrimination – not only across all EU policies and funding programmes, but also at all other levels and in all domains. Only a cross-cutting approach will solve this problem. **Online event:** <http://bit.ly/2NM6DIK>

17-2-2021 The role of social economy in a fair and sustainable recovery: input for the future action plan on social economy (Online event)

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) is organising a hearing in the framework of its exploratory opinion requested by the Portuguese EU presidency on the role of social economy in the creation of jobs and in the implementation of the European pillar of social rights. 2021 will be a crucial year for social economy with the adoption of the very first EU action plan on social economy. All European institutions are committed to supporting the social economy so it can grow stronger and increase its visibility especially in the light of the fight against the economic and social consequences of the COVID-19 crisis. Social economy has a key role to play in the recovery. The social partners' and civil society organisations' contribution to the debate is pivotal.

The hearing will focus on two main questions:

- How to reinforce the role of social economy in a fair and sustainable recovery?
- What are the main policy priorities to include in the future action plan on social economy?

<http://bit.ly/3tfY1KR>

1 to 5-3-2021 : Civil Society Days

The fully virtual 2021 Civil Society Days of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) are intended to be a public forum bringing together European citizens, civil society organisations and the European institutions for a debate about the essential components of a sustainable recovery for the future of Europe's citizens. Event site: <http://bit.ly/3pE5tNI>

NEWS

Portugal's presidency of the Council of the EU: 1 January - 30 June 2021

One of “RUP Countries” presides the EU during the first semester of 2021



The priorities of Portugal's presidency are driven by its motto: "Time to deliver: a fair, green and digital recovery".

The presidency programme focuses on five main areas, which are in line with the goals of the EU's strategic agenda:

- strengthen Europe's resilience
 - promote confidence in the European social model
 - promote a sustainable recovery
 - speed up a fair and inclusive digital transition
 - reaffirm the EU's role in the world, ensuring that this is based on openness and multilateralism
- The Portuguese presidency of the Council of the EU will focus on bringing the EU through the COVID-19 pandemic. It will promote a vision of the EU that is innovative, looks to the future and is based on common values of solidarity, convergence and cohesion.

In order to achieve this, Portugal is committed to playing a positive and flexible role in order to act positively, promote cooperation, achieve tangible results in economic recovery and lead the European Union out of the crisis.

Portugal's presidency website: <https://www.2021portugal.eu/en/>

Programme of Portugal's presidency: <https://bit.ly/2MK6aGq>

Priorities of Portugal's presidency: <http://bit.ly/3oBOBWx>

Provisional calendar of meetings under Portugal's presidency: <http://bit.ly/3tcPb0m>

Draft agendas for Council meetings during Portugal's presidency (first semester of 2021): <https://bit.ly/3oA8SeZ>

USEFUL INFORMATION

- **European Comitee of the regions:** The particularly vulnerable situation of the EU's outermost regions (ORs) is the focus of an opinion presented during the December plenary session of the European Committee of the Regions. The opinion, prepared by Ángel Víctor Torres Pérez (ES/PES), President of the Government of the Canary Islands, highlights the enormous negative impact the COVID-19 crisis has had on their labour markets and the massive challenge they face in managing the irregular migration flows coming from their immediate neighbourhood, and calls for a close partnership with and support for ORs and their unique assets. <http://bit.ly/36roWJV> **Opinion Factsheet: European Commission report on the implementation the renewed strategic partnership with the EU's outermost regions. Rapporteur: TORRES PÉREZ Ángel Víctor** . Access to document (en): <https://bit.ly/3qLKsBB>
- **EU long-term budget 2021-2027 together with NextGenerationEU**, the recovery instrument, form the largest stimulus package ever financed through the EU budget, of €1.8 trillion. It was agreed following a negotiations process. The process started with a Commission proposal in May 2018. After the coronavirus pandemic hit Europe, a second proposal followed in May 2020, to make sure the budget can better support Europe's recovery. This second proposal also included NextGenerationEU. **Questions and and Answers on the agreement on the €1,8 trillion package to help build greener, more digital and more resilient Europe:** <http://bit.ly/3r9vFQz>
- **Campus RUP** , the consortium of the universities of Antilles, Azores, Guyana, La Laguna, Madeira, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and Reunion to create an overseas university within the European Higher Education Area, has published its **Guide to Higher Education in the Outermost Regions**. Europa Rup offers you this dossier with an analysis of the seven universities in the Campus Rup consortium, the vision of their governing teams and a file on each institution. An overview of Higher Education in the outermost regions of the European Union. More info: <https://europarup.com/universidades-regiones-ultraperifericas-union-europea/>
- **COVID 19:** Information on access and special entry requirements due to the COVID 19 pandemic (quarantines, etc.) by country <https://reopen.europa.eu/>.
- **Advancing the EU social market economy:** [adequate minimum wages for workers across Member States](#). The Commission proposes an EU Directive to ensure that the workers in the EU are protected by **adequate minimum wages** allowing for a decent living wherever they work.



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