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EVENTS WORKSHOP WEBINARS

15-16/3/2021 High-level conference: Quality and effective apprenticeships and international labour standards on

apprenticeships

On 15 and 16 March, the European Commission and the International Labour Organization (ILO) will hold a joint high-level conference titled 'Quality and effective apprenticeships and international labour standards on apprenticeships'. The event will take stock of the work done by the EU and the ILO in setting quality standards for apprenticeships. It will explore national apprenticeship reforms that have been implemented to ensure quality and effective apprenticeships for the benefit of both learners and employers. Speakers and participants from Europe, Asia and Africa will have the chance to share good practices and lessons learned with the aim of inspiring future action on apprenticeships at the European and international levels. **How to participate: Conference agenda and registration**

18-19/3/2021: Your Europe, Your Say! 2021 (YEYS 2021)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, YEYS 2020 was cancelled, and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) decided to move the exact same event to 2021, covering the same topic, with the same participating schools.No w more than ever, climate change is on everyone's mind, and young people all around the globe have been taking action to save the planet. The EESC is joining the movement and wants to ask the young participants at YEYS about the best ways to protect our planet for the future. The EESC is interested in hearing students' fresh ideas on how to deal with the current climate crisis and how to get closer to meeting the 2050 climate-neutral goals. The YEYS 2021 will model an international climate-change conference (COP). Students will be asked to represent a sector and negotiate with each other, in order to come up with recommendations to stop climate change. These recommendations will be submitted to international environment policymakers and discussed at conferences around Europe throughout the year.



13-4-21: Getting the future right: Towards smarter and people-centred skills intelligence

This high-level conference aims to provide insight on how skills intelligence can contribute to understanding current challenges (digital, green, demography and others) and support national and regional policies in designing better vocational education and training (VET) and skills policies. It will also take stock of the skills intelligence work of the European Centre for the development of vocational training (Cedefop) so far and reflect on possible ways to strengthen it in the near future to make it more relevant and people-centred, in line with the ambitions stated in the 2020 Skills Agenda. This main event will be followed by 4 follow-up workshops (on 15 and 20 April) which provide opportunities to engage in more in-depth discussions on particular aspects of labour market and skills intelligence (LMSI).



NEWS

Azores assume the Presidency of the Conference of the Outermost Regions of the European Union

The President of the Regional Government of the Azores, José Manuel Bolieiro, highlighted today, in Ponta Delgada, the "sense of responsibility with which the Azores assume the Presidency of the Conference of the Outermost Regions of the European Union", aware, on the one hand, of "the high level to which previous presidencies have accustomed us "and, on the other hand," the enormous challenges that the pandemic times in which we live face us, with strong impacts on our economy and our populations. "In the testimony speech of the Presidency of the ORs, made by videoconference, José Manuel Bolieiro thanked the leadership of President Ramadani and his team, from Mayotte, "for the enormous work carried out in such a difficult period, but it was also time for some good news for the next Multiannual Financial Framework and the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism, underlining that what has been achieved "inspires and motivates me for this presidency, but at the same time, fills me with responsibility and focus."



Published the Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February

2021 establishing the Resilience and Recovery Mechanism.

This Regulation establishes the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism. It also sets out the objectives of the Facility, its financing, the modalities of Union funding under the Facility and the rules for the provision of such funding. http://bit.ly/3qyURiK

4 March 2021 – Ensuring a job-rich recovery: Action plan on the European of Social Rights sets out effective support to employmented.

As part of the Action Plan on the European Pillar of Social Rights, the European Commission presented a Recommendation for Member States to ease the transition from crisis-job-support to creating future-proof jobs: Effective Active Support to Employment (EASE)

The European Commission has recently published the Call for Proposals of the Partnership for sustainable cities (EuropeAid/171273/DH/ACT/Multi)

The objective of the programme is to promote integrated urban development through partnerships built among local authorities of the EU Member States and of partner countries. This call will contribute to address the new political priorities of the EU, notably promoting good governance, "Green Deal", growth, job creation and digitalisation. More specifically it aims at strengthening urban governance, ensuring social inclusiveness of cities, improving resilience and greening of cities and improving. prosperity and innovation in cities. The guidelines of the call can be found on the **EuropeAid website**. The deadline for the submission of concept notes is 23/04/2021 at 16:00 (Brussels time). Questions shall be redirected to intpa-171273@ec.europa.eu, no later than 21 days before the deadline.



Partner up for #EURegionsWeek2021: deadline is approaching! Following the success of the last edition, this year's EURegions Week will take place digitally on 11-14 October 2021.

Under the slogan "Together for recovery", the event will focus on four main themes:

- Green Transition: for a sustainable and green recovery
- Cohesion: from emergency to resilience
- Digital Transition for people
- Citizens' engagement: for an inclusive, participative, and fair recovery

Are you ready to join us? Apply now! Already 600 potential partners have expressed their interest in becoming partners during the kick-off meeting. You can find detailed information on the event in the 2021 Guide for Event Partners available on our partner's page. To join the 2021 edition of the EURegionsWeek, submit your application no later than 26 March 2021.

Integrated services for the long-term unemployed - the results of a new PES Network survey

A new PES Network survey-based report highlights the important role of PES in implementing the EU Council Recommendation for a 'single point of contact' and integrated services for the long-term unemployed. **The PES Network's latest report** 'Integrated services for long-term unemployed' finds that most countries have established a single point of contact for supporting long-term unemployed persons (LTU) and that it is "usually the PES or the PES in cooperation with other partners" that has been made the responsible body.

USEFUL INFORMATION

• 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

EU Coronavirus response

The European Commission is coordinating a **common European response** to the coronavirus outbreak. We are taking resolute action to reinforce our public health sectors and mitigate the socio-economic impact in the European Union. We are mobilising all means at our disposal to help our Member States coordinate their national responses and are providing objective information about the spread of the virus and effective efforts to contain it. http://bit.ly/2Ocg98R

Mutual Learning Programme

The Mutual Learning Programme (MLP) under the European Employment Strategy (EES) aims to: support, coordinate and encourage mutual learning between EU Member States in order to assist progress towards the goals of the European Employment Strategy, encourage mutual learning opportunities resulting in policy influence at the EU and national levels, disseminate the results of the MLP and their contribution to the European Employment Strategy to wider audiences. The MLP (Art. 149 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union - TFEU) is an important tool for the open method of coordination in the field of EU employment policy.

European Labour Authority develops common system for concerted and joint inspections across the EU

ELA adopted a set of tools for carrying out concerted and joint inspections in a transparent and timely manner. These templates and workflows make it easier for EU countries to coordinate cross-border inspections on the ground together with ELA, and for social partners to bring cases to the attention of the Authority. http://bit.ly/3ldx7Qg

• **COVID 19**: Information on access and special entry requirements due to the COVID 19 pandemic (quarantines, etc.) by country https://reopen.europa.eu/.

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