



**EUROPEAN
YEAR OF
SKILLS**

EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS 2023



EUROPEAN
YEAR OF
YOUTH



2018
EUROPEAN YEAR
OF CULTURAL
HERITAGE
#EuropeForCulture



2015

European year

for development



EUROPEAN
YEAR OF RAIL
2021

What is a European Year?

- 1983 - the first European Year: the European Year of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and the Craft Industry
- European Years raise **awareness** across the EU about a particular topic.
- Events and projects are organised to encourage **debate and generate momentum**.



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European companies are grappling with a **shortage of staff** [...] Both low-end and high-end. We need everyone on board.

We need much more focus in our investment on **professional education and upskilling**.

We need **better cooperation** with the companies, because they know best what they need.

And we need to match these needs with people's aspirations.

But we also have to **attract the right skills** to our continent, skills that help companies and strengthen Europe's growth [...] we need to speed up and facilitate the **recognition of qualifications** also of third country nationals [...]



This is why I am proposing to make 2023 the European Year of Skills

Ursula von der Leyen - The State of the Union speech, 14 September 2022



Why a European Year of Skills?

The Year would promote a mindset of **reskilling and upskilling**

- > boosting **competitiveness** of companies (in particular SMEs),
- > realising the **digital and green transitions** in a socially fair, inclusive and just manner



Attracting people

Attracting people from third countries with the skills needed by the Union



Matching aspirations

Matching people's aspirations and skills-set with labour market opportunities



Skills relevance

Strengthening skills relevance by close cooperation



Investment

Increased, more effective and inclusive investment

European Skills Agenda

European Pillar of Social Rights

Adults participating in training every year by 2030
EU target: 60%
BG target: 35.4%



Who will be involved in the Year?

★ European Institutions

- European Parliament
- European Commission: DG EMPL and other DGs: initiatives, support with communication and engagement
- EU policy agencies, such as CEDEFOP ELA and ETF
- Commission Representations and EP Information Offices
- CoR, EESC, EIB...

★ Member States

- Strong involvement of Member States.
- Appointment of national coordinators to raise awareness, shape the Year, coordinate actions.
- Close cooperation with the Presidencies.
- Implementing bodies such as ESF+ managing authorities

★ Existing platforms and networks

- Engaging a wide range of stakeholders
- Social partners
- Individuals, companies, chambers of commerce and industry, public authorities, education and training providers

★ International Actors

- OECD, UNESCO, ILO
- Cooperation with third countries, in particular partner countries



WHAT'S NEXT?





State of play

On 7 March 2023, legislators reach agreement **to start the European Year of Skills in May.**

It will run from 9 May 2023 to 8 May 2024.

It will aim to foster talent, improve qualifications and acquire new skills.

During the Year:

- **Promoting relevant EU initiatives**, including EU funding opportunities
- **Events and awareness-raising campaigns**
- **Promoting tools and instruments** for increased transparency and easier recognition of qualifications





Major events planned

- 9 May:
European Year of Skills 'festival'
- 8 - 9 June:
'Making Skills Count' event
- 23 - 27 October:
The VET week
- 15 - 16 November:
The Employment and Social Rights Forum
- Beginning of 2024:
The concluding event



Major flagship initiatives

17 January 2023



- Commission Communication on “**Harnessing talent in regions**”

Q2



- Commission proposal for **Council Recommendations on the enabling factors for successful digital education**

- Proposal for a **Council Recommendation on improving the provision of digital skills in education and training**

- Launch of the pilot for the **European Digital Skills Certificate**

- **Reinforced Quality Framework for Traineeships**

Q3



- Package on **recognition of professional qualifications of third country nationals**

- Launch of the **Cybersecurity Skills Academy**

- Commission proposal for a **Council Recommendation on updated learning mobility framework**



EU Tools to support skills policy

> Europass



> ESCO



> European Qualifications Framework



> SkillsOvate

SKILLS OVATE
ONLINE VACANCY
ANALYSIS TOOL FOR
EUROPE



> Eures



> DigComp



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EU Networks and mutual learning

- European Alliance for Apprenticeships



- Digital Skills & Jobs Platform



- Pact for Skills



- EPALE



- Working Group on VET & adult learning

- Network of National Coordinators for adult learning



Funding instruments to support skills policy

➤ European Social Fund



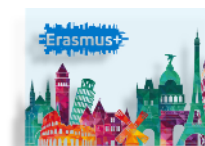
➤ Recovery and Resilience Facility



➤ Digital Europe Programme



➤ Erasmus +



➤ InvestEU



YOUR INVOLVEMENT



How can you get involved?

- **Communication** is key to European Years: spread the word and share updates on social media under the hashtag **#EuropeanYearOfSkills**.
- Contact your country's **National Coordinator** (*Ministry of Labor and Social Policy*).
- By **organising events** at national, regional and local levels related to skills policy.
- By **making use of EU funding opportunities, tools and networks** to support your actions and liaise with other stakeholders.



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Thank you for your interest!

We look forward to collaborating with you to make the European Year of Skills a success!

Useful link: [European Year of Skills webpage:](https://year-of-skills.europa.eu/)
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