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Highlight of the month

Skills Panorama new blog "Four questions and answers for career guidance!"

The blog article addresses some of the key questions career guidance practitioners receive and describes the new indicators Skills Panorama now offers to help answering them.

After thorough exploration of existing data sources and consultation with career guidance providers, Skills Panorama offers answers aiming to paint the picture for EU as a whole, and compare the developments across its Member States. Read the blog **here**.

News from Cedefop

Skills Panorama's new indicators bring even more value for career guidance providers!

The new indicators present the best available information that can serve career guidance practitioners on European level. They cover areas such as future job prospects, monthly gross income, tasks within occupations or Employment by field of study. More **here**.

Cedefop launched 'matching skills' online information tool

The new Cedefop database 'Matching skills: inspiring policies for anticipating and matching skill needs' aims to match individuals' skills (jobseekers and students) to current and anticipated labour market needs by presenting relevant education and training and labour market policy instruments in EU Member States. The tool is designed for policy-makers working on education and training, skills, (active) labour market policy and related policy areas. Further information can be found **here.**

News from Skillsnet members and the European Commission

A new toolkit for up-skilling low skilled people through VET

Replay-VET is a new tool designed to highlight the potential that exists within an aging labour market for generating new jobs and new careers for excluded and disadvantaged young people in Europe. The toolkit provides VET providers, employment services and policy makers with how-to-guides and best practice examples responding to needs and challenges regarding the employment and training opportunities of the low-skilled people. More **here.**

Eurostat news release on Internet use in the EU, 2018 – digitalisation at work

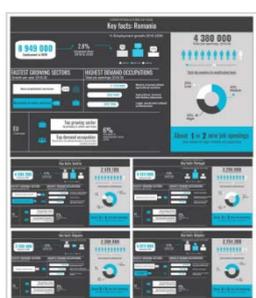16% of employed internet users reported changes in their job tasks due to new software or computerised equipment. At the beginning of 2018, 87% of people in the European Union (EU), aged between 16 and 74 years, had used internet at least once in the last twelve months. Of those internet users that were employed, 71% reported using computers, laptops, smartphones, tablets or other portable devices at work and 19% used computerised equipment or machinery. More **here**.

Cedefop launches online surveys on skills anticipation and matching systems

Since 2017, and on their request, Cedefop has been working intensively with national authorities and stakeholders in Greece, Estonia, Bulgaria and Slovakia, to support them in strengthening their skills anticipation and matching capacities. Effective 'skills governance' means developing relevant, reliable and regularly updated skills and labour market intelligence and ensuring that policy-makers use it to strengthen links between education and training systems and labour market needs. Read more **here**.

Cedefop 2018 infographics collection on future labour market and skills trends

Cedefop 2018 Skills Forecast presents a series of infographics summarising future labour market and skills trends for each one of Europe's Member States. In these infographics you can find information answering questions such as "*what would future employment in my country look like*?", "*which sectors will grow the fastest*?", "*which occupations will have the highest demand*?", "*what skill level will new job openings require*?" To view the collection of infographics and even download, save or share individual boards follow the **link** to find the album saved on Facebook. You can also find the collection on Linkedin **here**.

Skills publications

Cedefop publication: Skills forecast: trends and challenges to 2030

In this publication, Cedefop presents the latest results of skill supply and demand forecasts. Alongside the updated projections, collaboration between Cedefop and Eurofound has allowed examination of the tasks and skills content of the current and projected employment structure of Europe. This analysis confirms an increasingly more polarised occupational structure, a trend also highlighted by the main projections. Find the publication **here.**

Digital skills and VET in Romanian EU Presidency's programme

The EU new Presidency's programme, published on 15 January, focuses on 'cohesion, a common European value' and includes provisions for vocational education and training (VET), digital skills and mobility. The programme is mainly future-oriented stating that 'innovation and research contribute to job creation, and help increase companies' competitiveness on global markets, improve people's quality of life and generate sustainable economic growth.' It makes the case for 'a significant decrease of the digital gap between Member States, regions, categories of European citizens, and industrial sectors.' It calls for special attention 'to developing and implementing measures to improve digital skills and digital literacy, including by making this a long-term priority for the EU.' Read more **here**.

Cedefop magazine: Skillsnet and match – January 2019, issue 15

The January 2019 issue of *Skillset and match,* Cedefop's magazine promoting learning for work, is now available to read and download. in this issue you will find interesting articles such as: Designing vocational education and training's (VET's) future; Message from European Commissioner Marianne Thyssen on VET's future; Discover how skills systems perform using the European skills index; Occupation in focus: Care workers and many more. Find the magazine **here**.

Past and forthcoming events

Launch of 2nd Cedefop European skills and jobs survey

Date: 15/02/2019, **Venue**: Brussels, Belgium

The European skills and jobs survey (ESJS) is a major survey of adult employees carried out by Cedefop in all EU Member States. To facilitate the development of the 2nd wave, Cedefop has put together an expert working group of leading experts on skills, skill mismatch and the impact of digitalisation on labour markets. Find more information about the meeting **here**.

Cedefop publication ESI technical report

The 2018 technical report accompanies the release of the 2018 version of the European Skills Index (ESI) developed by Cedefop. The methodological decisions made in constructing the index have implications for the interpretation and understanding of the results. The first part of this report outlines the scope, structure and results of the Index. The second part of the report discusses the analysis motivating some of the methodological decisions made in constructing the Index. Find the publication **here.**

The role of vocational education and training in shaping the future of Europe

Date: 27/02/2019, **Venue**: Brussels, Belgium

A debate jointly organised by Cedefop and Ms Anne Sander (MEP) will focus on the issue of the future of vocational education and training (VET) in Europe. The event will provide an opportunity for Cedefop to inform the Members on the latest work of Cedefop on the rapidly changing nature and role of VET in Europe. Building on research covering a total of 30 countries, a set of 'Scenarios 2035' will be presented, illustrating the choices faced by policy makers and stakeholders in the years ahead. The seminar provides an opportunity to reflect on the role played by VET in the overall education and training system as well as in relation to the labour market and society at large. Find out more **here**.

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