

Network of excellence partners for apprenticeship

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 PORTUGAL

Timeline

2016 **Approved/Agreed**

ID number 28500

Background

In 2015, apprenticeship programmes were targeted at learners aged 15-24 who had completed the ninth year of schooling but not upper secondary education. The compulsory practical training would be delivered by the Institute for Employment and Vocational Training (IEFP), vocational training centres or private providers, such as employers' associations, companies and trade unions under protocols with IEFP, on the basis of a contract between the IEFP or the VET provider and the apprentice.

Objectives

The creation of the network has the following objectives:

- (a) promoting visibility and public recognition of enterprises/employers that invest in raising the qualifications of young people and their employability;
- (b) disseminating good practice concerning the work developed by enterprises that support alternance training;
- (c) creating a brand mark for enterprises that support alternance training;
- (d) recognising and promoting enterprises and other employers as integrated and dynamic spaces for training and qualification;
- (e) recognising the training developed by enterprises that support alternance training as a distinctive and prestigious brand in the context of qualification;
- (f) promoting the strategic vision of qualification as an essential factor for the improvement of the offer in companies and other employers;
- (g) raising awareness of the need to invest in training, aiming at strengthening modernisation and quality improvement in the services provided.

Description

IEFP launched the Network of excellence partners for apprenticeship in 2016. Members of the network receive a certification, issued by IEFP, testifying that they deliver high-standard apprenticeships. The network aims to distinguish and disseminate good practices carried out by enterprises and other employers that promote the quality of work-based parts of apprenticeship programmes and the integration of young people into the labour market. The network includes 10 business groups, among them Toyota Caetano Portugal and Volkswagen Autoeuropa.

Bodies responsible

- Institute for Employment and Vocational Training (IEFP)

Target group

Learners

Learners in upper secondary, including apprentices

Entities providing VET

Companies
VET providers (all kinds)

Thematic categories

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Reinforcing work-based learning, including apprenticeships

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Promotion strategies and campaigns for VET and lifelong learning

Subsystem

IVET

Further reading

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Related policy developments

2025 Implementation

Promotion and dissemination initiatives of VET

There are different kinds of initiatives and events to promote and disseminate VET:
Professional Education and Training Campaigns (*Campanha de Educação e Formação*)

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Type of development

Practical
measure/Initiative

Subsystem

IVET CVET

2025 Implementation

EuroSkills and WorldSkills challenges

WorldSkills and EuroSkills are aimed at all young people aged between 17 and 25 who have completed or are attending a qualification programme in vocational education and training.

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Type of development

Practical
measure/Initiative

Subsystem

IVET CVET

2023 Discontinued

Raising the attractiveness of apprenticeships

In 2019, IEFP, through the pilot project, Apprenticeship gives employment, carried out a set of training courses in partnership with training providers and business associations, introducing innovations in apprenticeship programmes.

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Type of development

Strategy/Action
plan

Subsystem

IVET

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