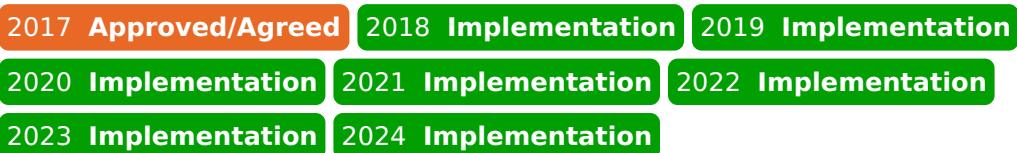


Digital training offer for Brussels jobseekers

POLICY DEVELOPMENT**PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE** BELGIUM-FR

Timeline

**ID number 28040**

Background

The Agoria technological industry federation believes that, by 2030, almost all workers in Brussels will have to acquire digital skills. The digital training offer relates directly to the digital revolution, which is currently sweeping across the labour market in the Brussels Region.

Objectives

To offer jobseekers including early leavers in Brussels the possibility of training in digital skills.

Description

Thanks to the financial resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) made available within the framework of the Youth employment initiative 2, pilot training courses have been set up with experienced partners:

- (a) MolenGeek: training as a mobile web developer - or coder / coder in everyday language - and in e-marketing;
- (b) BeCode Brussels: training as a mobile web developer, AI data developer / developer, Devsecops (cybersecurity training).

Launched in March 2017 in Brussels, these projects intend to enable young jobseekers under 25 to acquire basic web developing skills in six months. MolenGeek and BeCode run these training programmes in partnership with the training centre BF (Bruxelles Formation) urban trades (*métiers urbains*) and are very popular amongst young people.

Moreover, Bruxelles Formation, the Brussels Institute for Vocational Training, constantly develops its offer in digital training. In 2019, the project previously known as Public digital training space (EPNF, Espace Public Numérique de Formation) was extended to a fully functioning training centre: BF digital space (*espaces numériques*), this new training centre aims to:

- (a) continue and develop the training offer of the EPNF;
- (b) contribute to the development of digital learning in the Bruxelles Formation training centres and, eventually, with its partners.

Built on three pillars, the BF digital spaces offer is organised mainly in partnership, using external service providers and with innovative educational content and methods:

- (a) on-site training offer: office and internet innovations aimed at the digital autonomy of jobseekers with the objective of certifying all participants;
- (b) online training offer (e-learning catalogue and blended-learning training options),
- (c) online certification offer: on specific training courses for trainees from all centres (including partners') and on digital autonomy for jobseekers.

2017 Approved/Agreed

2018 Implementation

2019 Implementation

In 2019, digital training for jobseekers is now part of a structural training offer.

2020 Implementation

In 2020, digital training for jobseekers is set up and runs as a regular practice.

2021 Implementation

In 2021, digital training for jobseekers is set up and runs as a regular practice.

Bruxelles Formation continues to update its offer in digital training and contributes to the development of the Job Training Pole DigitalCity.brussels.

2022 Implementation

In 2022, Bruxelles Formation continues to update its offer in digital training, in its own training centres and through partnerships.

The training offer organised by BF digital (a Bruxelles Formation training centre), also as part of the Training and Employment Centre DigitalCity, includes almost 40 products structured in three product lines: IT, digital media and graphic industries via Cepegra, the Centre for the Development of the Graphic Sector (*Centre de perfectionnement du secteur graphique*). BF digital spaces continues its training offer organised mainly in partnership, using external providers and with innovative content and teaching methods.

The training centres MolenGeek and BeCode continue their expansion, keeping with current trends to offer innovative training courses in the digital sector for Brussels citizens.

2023 Implementation

In 2023, Bruxelles Formation continues to update its offer in digital training, in its own training centres and through partnerships. 2 195 individual learners (registered as job seekers) participated in training in IT, ICT and the Digital Economy and 2 658 learners (registered job seekers and workers) benefited from the accommodations and/or training offered at BF digital spaces.

2024 Implementation

In 2024, Bruxelles Formation continues to update its offer in digital training, in its own training centres and through partnerships.

Bodies responsible

- Bruxelles Formation (Brussels Institute for Vocational Training)

Target group

Learners

Learners at risk of early leaving or/and early leavers
Unemployed and jobseekers

Thematic categories

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Acquiring key competences

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Providing for individuals' re- and upskilling needs

Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness in education and training

European priorities in VET

VET Recommendation

VET as a driver for innovation and growth preparing for digital and green transitions and occupations in high demand

VET promoting equality of opportunities

Osnabrück Declaration

Resilience and excellence through quality, inclusive and flexible VET

Establishing a new lifelong learning culture - relevance of continuing VET and digitalisation

Subsystem

CVET

Further reading

[MolenGeek](#)

[Be Code](#)

[BF espaces numériques](#)

Related policy developments

2024 Implementation

The 2021-24 Plan for digital appropriation

Following its memorandum on e-inclusion, the Government approved the Plan for Digital Appropriation 2021-24 on the 12 February 2021. This plan was proposed by the Digital Inclusion Coordination and drawn up in consultation with stakeholders on the ground.



Type of development

Strategy/Action plan

Subsystem

IVET CVET

2024 Implementation

Brussels' training and employment centres

On 14 July 2016, the Brussels Regional Government and the French-speaking Brussels Government adopted a Note on the creation of training and employment centres (*Pôles Formation Emploi*) in the Brussels Region.



Type of development

Practical measure/Initiative

Subsystem

CVET

2020 Completed

2020 Training Plan for Brussels (2025 Strategy)

The Government of the Brussels Region adopted the 2020 Training plan in December 2016. The plan is an integral part of the major projects of the 2025 strategy for Brussels (Go4Brussels).



Type of development

Strategy/Action plan

Subsystem

IVET CVET

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