



PRESS RELEASE

Next-generation skills intelligence to drive recovery in Europe

Predicting skills trends in a rapidly changing labour market is a cornerstone of policy-making, and Cedefop organised a high-level conference on 13 April to reflect on how to further develop its skills intelligence research and tools in the coming years.

The coronavirus pandemic has accelerated changes that had been already underway, as the shift to digitalisation led to an increased need for upskilling and reskilling of the workforce. Cedefop's labour market and skills intelligence (LMSI) maps out these changes and future trends, providing policy-makers and practitioners with valuable insight.

The virtual conference '[Getting the future right: towards smarter and people-centred skills intelligence](#)' (#LMSInext) addressed the issue of how next-generation LMSI can contribute to understanding current challenges and prepare Europe's economies for a post-coronavirus recovery that will be fair, digital and green.



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European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights Nicolas Schmit told the 230 participants: 'The years ahead will be crucial and transformative for our society at large; we must make sure we take people along; up- and reskilling is about Europe's competitiveness as much as it is about social fairness. Therefore, having the right information to optimise investment in skills remains a vital building block for our recovery. Today, we are preparing a new step for the future.'

Cedefop Executive Director Jürgen Siebel said: ‘Skills intelligence has become a prerequisite for building and maintaining employability for learners and workers, and competitiveness for businesses. We at Cedefop want to get the future right. We want to shape a new generation of skills intelligence, to draw a first blueprint of LSMI 2.0.’

The conference examined Cedefop’s skills intelligence work so far and looked for ways to strengthen it to make it more relevant and people-centred, in line with the ambitions stated in the [2020 European skills agenda](#).

Cedefop provides high-quality evidence on trends in the fast-moving world of work. The Agency’s research in the field includes [anticipating and matching skills](#), [big data analysis from online vacancies](#), [digitalisation, AI and the future of work](#), the [European Company Survey](#) with Eurofound, the [European skills and jobs survey](#), the [European skills index](#), the [skills forecast](#) and [skills for the green economy](#), while [Skills Panorama](#) offers a unique central access point for data information and intelligence on skill needs in occupations and sectors across Europe.

An [animated video](#) released today showcases Cedefop’s [Skills OVATE tool](#) and the benefits it brings to policy planning, while the Agency is marking the occasion of the conference by releasing several new research publications:

- A briefing note on [Skills intelligence: trends, transitions and transformations](#);
- A perspective on policy practice: [‘Tapping the potential of big data for skills policy’](#) (a joint publication with other organisations);
- The booklet [‘Digital, greener and more resilient – Insights from Cedefop’s European skills forecast’](#)
- A series of three practical guides on [‘Understanding technological change and skill needs’](#) to assist stakeholders, experts, vocational education and training policy planners and practitioners in making optimal use of Cedefop’s skills intelligence output to tackle the challenges posed by the changes in the labour market.

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