



Cautionary notice

REFERENCE: call for tender AO/RPA/AZU/EUSP-WEB-SERVICES/02/14

This cautionary notice clarifies the terms of provision and use of Skills supply and demand forecasting data for the purpose of the call for tenders AO/RPA/AZU/EUSP-WEB-SERVICES/02/14.

Upon request, Cedefop provides to the applicants the subset of database developed for its Skills forecast – online data and results web portal to user of the data. The database contains results of Cedefop's project on skills supply and demand forecasts published in 2013. These data refer to the period 2010-2020 (difference between these two years is provided).

The content of the database is publicly available via Cedefop web portal as well as in the form of MS Excel workbooks. However Cedefop has invested significant resources to create this database and so database itself should be always treated as the intellectual property of the Cedefop.

Without prior agreement of Cedefop this data shall not be:

- a. copied and/or passed to any third party;
- b. used for any other purpose than the demo requested in the context of this call for tenders.

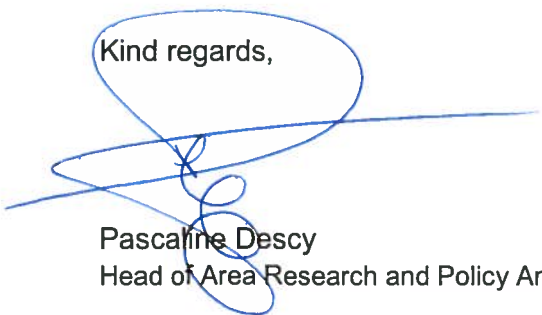
This database has been built using the results from a unique statistical exercise. When using the data provided in the database, the user is aware of the following limitations:

- a. The detailed estimates are subject to possibly large and uncertain margins of error. Therefore these should not be taken literally but suggestive of indicative trends and patterns. As a general rule, any cell containing fewer than 10,000 people should be regarded with caution. Cells with fewer than 1,000 people should be regarded with considerable scepticism.
- b. The detailed occupational estimates are based on data from the European LFS, often covering just a few years. These have been used to forecast the shares to 2025. For historical years the LFS share, or the share in the first LFS year available, is used. In some cases, the small

sample sizes mean that individual cells of the data arrays (by country, industry and occupation) are empty or contain unreliable data. This can distort pictures of change over time. Various criteria have been used to check the estimates and to try to avoid implausible projections.

- c. In total, the data set across all countries includes a very large number of individual time series. Not every one of these have been checked and validated by the research team. There is a continuing need for caution in the use of these estimates and for scrutiny and further input by individual country experts.

Kind regards,



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