



OPENING PLATFORM FOR THE MOBILITY SCOREBOARD FOR INITIAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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Background note

The European policy for learning mobility is developing rapidly. Providing the widest possible access to mobility for all and reducing the remaining obstacles to mobility constitutes one of the main strategic objectives of EU policy in the field of education and training. In 2011, the Council of the European Union issued the Recommendation “*Youth on the Move – promoting the learning mobility of young people*”¹ and adopted *Conclusions on a benchmark for learning mobility*², setting the objective of 6% of people with a VET background having had an experience of studying abroad by 2020. At the same period, Eurostat started exploring the possibility of developing statistics on learner’s mobility. In 2014, Erasmus+ was put in place. In 2016, the European Commission started reflection on a new step for developing long-duration learning mobility in initial VET (stays abroad of six months or more).

The Mobility Scoreboard for initial VET is taking place in this flow of initiatives. Called for by the *Youth on the Move* Recommendation, the Scoreboard is a new tool designed for assisting the policy making process in the area of learning mobility. The 2011 Council Conclusions invited Member States and the Commission to “*monitor progress and performance in the field of cross-border learning mobility at both national and European level, including by collecting qualitative information on examples of good practice, as the foundation for evidence-based policy making*”. In 2012, the Education, Audio-visual and Culture Executive Agency – EACEA (Eurydice) started work on a Mobility Scoreboard focusing on Higher Education. Cedefop initiated work on a Mobility Scoreboard for IVET (IVET-MSB) in 2015. The IVET-MSB focuses on the qualitative conditions in which IVET learners (including apprentices) have access to learning mobility, i.e. the quality structures for preparing them to go on mobility, supporting

¹ Council Recommendation of 28 June 2011 ‘*Youth on the move*’ — *promoting the learning mobility of young people* (2011/C 199/01):

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² *Council conclusions on a benchmark for learning mobility*, 3128th Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting Brussels, 28 and 29 November 2011:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/educ/126380.pdf

them while arranging their stays abroad, assisting them when away, and helping them reintegrate and have their mobility recognised once back home.

This event will be devoted to discussing the current policy context of learning mobility in initial VET, the Mobility Scoreboard for IVET and the tools it offers for assisting the making of national and EU level mobility policies in IVET, and how it can be of use to stakeholders.

The meeting will bring together the major categories of intended users for the Scoreboard, i.e.:

- Unions / Associations / Organisations of IVET students, whose mission is to protect the interests of their constituents. They are well placed to locate issues which mobile learners are faced with, and to request for pertaining reforms, the design of which the Scoreboard can help them in;
- Organisers of mobility projects, i.e. IVET institutions, companies involved in mobility projects, Erasmus+ National Agencies, and staff (teachers, trainers, guidance counsellors) involved in IVET mobility. These stakeholders' mobility-related activities confront them with issues in how to develop and run their mobility projects, and puts them in good position to design and formulate suggestions for improvement of mobility policies, which the Scoreboard can also support them for;
- Policy-makers at country level, for whom the Scoreboard is intended to be of use while preparing reforms to improve national mobility policies; and
- EU level policy-makers, for whom the Scoreboard is also intended to be of use while monitoring the implementation of EU mobility policy.

The main objective of the meeting is to present the Scoreboard to its intended users; discuss how it can be of use to them in fulfilling their missions; and help Cedefop understand which future developments of the tool might be of interest to stakeholders in this respect.