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# The European Skills Agenda and Adult Learning



# Context



Automation  
and  
digitalisation



Greener  
economy



Lifelong  
learning

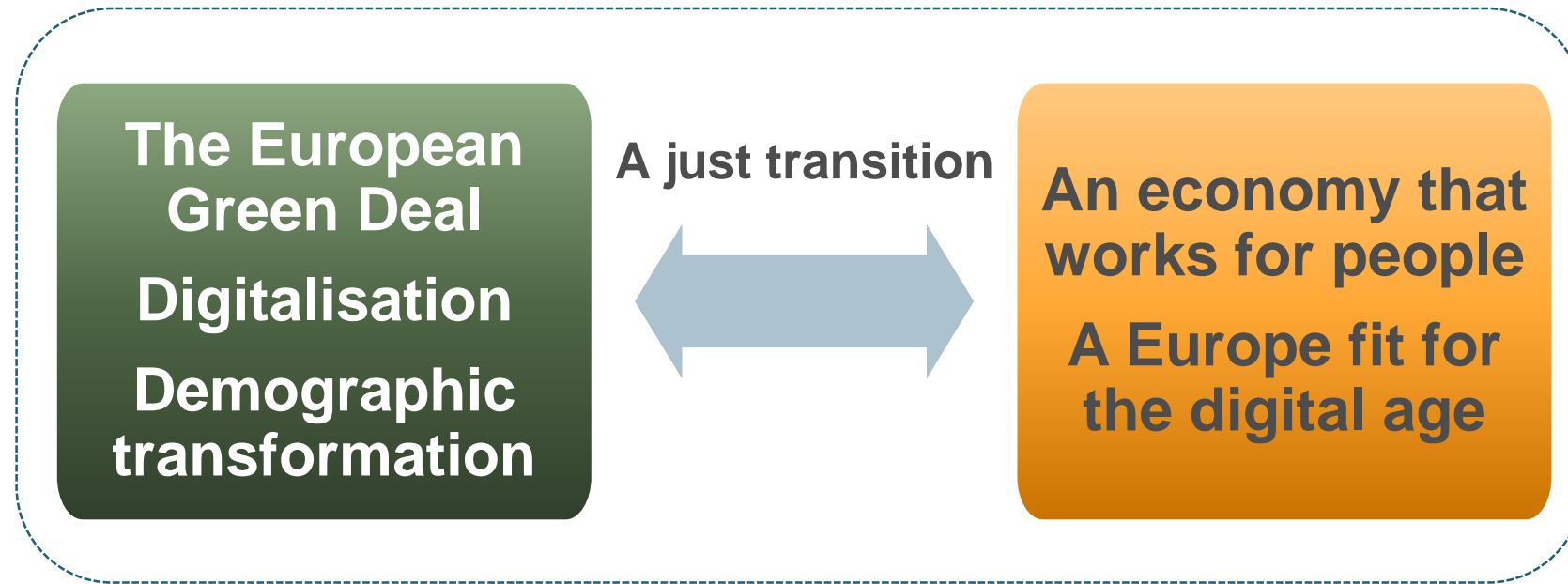


COVID-19



Recovery

# A strong social Europe for just transitions



**European Pillar of Social Rights**

# CONTEXT

**Youth employment  
and skills**

**Upskilling and reskilling  
of adults**

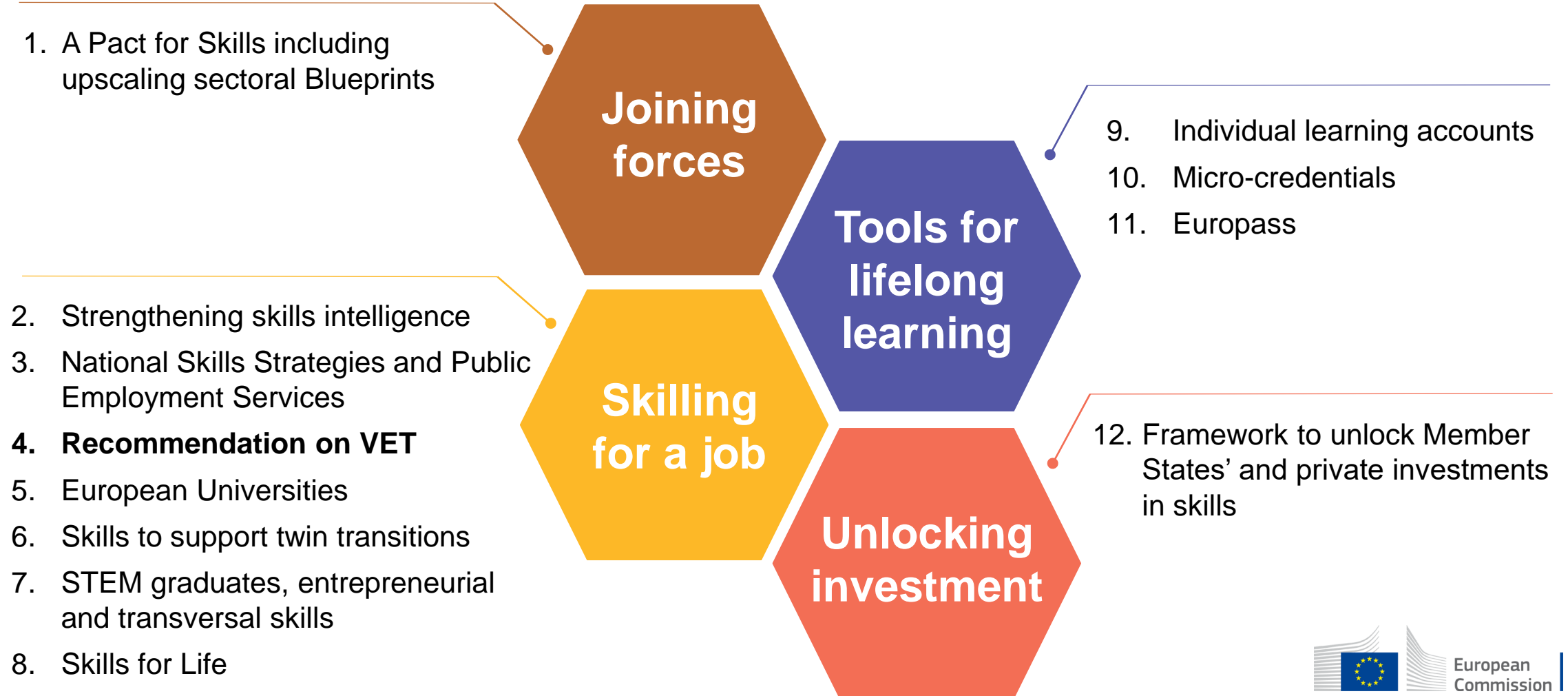
**Youth Employment Support: A  
bridge to Jobs for the Next  
Generation**

**Proposal for a Council  
Recommendation on reinforced  
Youth Guarantee**

**European  
Skills Agenda**

**Proposal for a Council Recommendation on VET  
European Education Area /Digital Education Action Plan**

# Skills Agenda - BUILDING BLOCKS



# Ambitious objectives for adult upskilling

Indicators (in %)	Objectives for 2025	Current level (latest year available)	Increase (in %)
Participation of adults aged 25-64 in learning during the last 12 months <sup>58</sup>	50%	38% (2016)	+32%
Participation of low-qualified adults 25-64 in learning during the last 12 months <sup>59</sup>	30%	18% (2016)	+67%
Share of unemployed adults aged 25-64 with a recent learning experience <sup>60</sup>	20%	11% (2019)	+82%
Share of adults aged 16-74 having at least basic digital skills <sup>61</sup>	70%	56% (2019)	+25%

# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

More modern,  
flexible, inclusive,  
excellent,  
work-based,  
equipping  
young people and  
adults with  
skills for jobs



- Global reference for skills development
- Support to apprenticeships
- Platforms of Centres of Vocational Excellence
- European Vocational Core Profiles

# Towards the ‘Osnabrück Declaration’

- Informal ministerial meeting took place on 16-17 September under the German EU Presidency in Osnabrück
- Preparations are underway to revitalise the commitments under the Copenhagen process in VET that started in 2002
- The aim is to operationalise the broad strategic objectives of the Commission proposal for an EU Council Recommendation on VET through a concrete set of actions at both national and European level.
- Possible focal areas (period 2021-2025):
  1. Resilience through innovation and flexible VET
  2. Establishing a lifelong learning culture – relevance of C-VET and digitalisation
  3. Sustainability – a green link in VET
  4. European education and training area and International VET
- Adoption on 30 November



# European Education Area

- How cooperation can further enrich the quality, inclusiveness and digital and green dimension of Member State education systems
- How together, Member States can shape a European Education Area based Freedom for learners and teachers to be mobile and for institutions to freely associate with one another in Europe and beyond. 6 dimensions:
  1. Quality in education
  2. Inclusion, fairness, and gender equity in education
  3. Education in the context of the green and the digital transitions
  4. Teachers and trainers
  5. Higher education transformation
  6. Anchoring the European Education Area in the world

# Digital Education Action Plan Update

- Adopted on 30 September 2020, together with the EEA
- Part of the Commission's objective to support the digital transition in Europe.
- Reflecting on the lessons learnt from the COVID-19 crisis and building on the first Digital Education Action Plan of 2018. Part of the Recovery Plan.
- Wider scope, expanding beyond formal education to non-formal and lifelong learning
- Longer duration with a major review in 2024
- Focus on:
  - 1) Digital capacity building of institutions
  - 2) Digital competences

# Questions?