





Belgium

Skills development, labour and skills shortages

More about skills in Belgium

BASIC SKILLS

Many people do not have sufficient basic skills, such as literacy, numeracy and digital skills

Average student underachievement rate 15 year-olds; reading, maths, and science 24% 27%

Source: OECD PISA

% of low-performing adults literacy and numeracy 20% 15%* (*) Flemish region Source: OECD PIAAC % of adults with at least basic digital skills 16-74 year-olds

59%

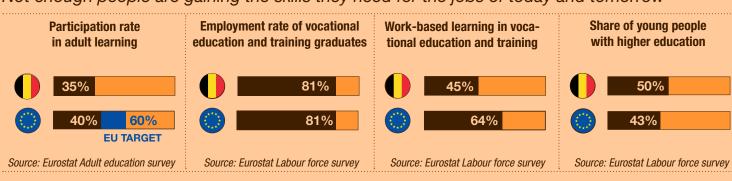
56%



Source: Eurostat Basic digital skills

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Not enough people are gaining the skills they need for the jobs of today and tomorrow



Share of students enrolled in STEM* fields in initial medium-level VET



Share of students enrolled in STEM fields at tertiary level



18%

(*) science, technology, engineering and mathematics



1.9 BILLION

Source: UOE data collection

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND+ AND RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FACILITY*

2021-27 estimated investment in skills

(*) ex ante cost estimates

LABOUR & SKILLS SHORTAGES

Businesses are struggling to find workers with the right skills to grow and innovate

SMEs reporting difficulties

to find employees with the

Companies reporting shortages of skilled workers as an investment barrier 71%

Source: EIB Investment Survey

right skills 68% Source: Eurobarometer SMEs

and skills shortages

