



# **PROGRESS TOWARDS VET REFORMS**

**EU policies for vocational training and transition to work**

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## EU policies for vocational training (VET) and transition to work

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# Medium-term deliverables

## Overall framework

✓ Vision and objectives of Bruges Communiqué valid until 2020

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/vocational-policy/doc/brugescom\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/vocational-policy/doc/brugescom_en.pdf)

✓ New medium-term deliverables (MTDs) for the period 2015-2020

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/vocational-policy/doc/2015-riga-conclusions\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/vocational-policy/doc/2015-riga-conclusions_en.pdf)

✓ Part of ET 2020 Strategic objectives (**Report adopted this week**)

- ❖ *making lifelong learning and mobility a reality*
- ❖ *improving the quality and efficiency*
- ❖ *promoting equity, social cohesion and active citizenship*
- ❖ *enhancing creativity and innovation, including entrepreneurship*



# Medium-term deliverables

*With a view to develop high quality, labour market relevant vocational skills and qualifications, based on the learning outcomes approach:*

1. work-based learning in all its forms
2. quality assurance and feedback loops to I-VET and C-VET

*For people's informed choice of pathways and long-term employability and adaptability to evolving skills needs:*

3. access to VET and qualifications for all through more flexible and permeable systems, notably by offering guidance and validation
4. key competences in both I and CVET

*In support of reforms to raise quality and efficiency of VET:*

5. professional development of VET teachers, trainers and mentors



# EU level support

1. **Assistance to countries in implementation of reforms (country reviews, policy learning for a, ET 2020 working groups on VET and AL, exchanges of good practices at DGVT, policy guidelines, evidence and EU level events)**
2. **Monitoring and analysis of progress**
3. **Intensification of the European Alliance for Apprenticeships**
4. **Further development of transparency and recognition tools (EQF, ECVET, EQAVET, Europass and validation of non-formal and informal learning)**
5. **Support transnational mobility of VET learners and staff (Erasmus+, ESIF, EURES, Your first EURES job), facilitate the development of adult educators (EPALE), address common EU level sector specific skills challenges (Sector Skills Alliances) and support policy reforms in VET (strategic partnerships, forward-looking projects)**
6. **Targeted communication and visibility of EU VET policies**



# European Alliance for Apprenticeships

## *IMPROVING QUALITY, SUPPLY AND IMAGE OF APPRENTICESHIPS*

*Definition* : Formal VET programmes, combining company-based training with school-based education and leading to a nationally recognized qualification.

### *Milestones and achievements*

- Joint Declaration the European level social partners, the Commission and the Lithuanian Presidency (02.07.2013)
- Council Declaration on EAfA (15.10.2013)
- Member States have made individual commitments
- More than 80 pledges from social partners, chambers, companies, VET providers, regions and youth organisations
- An active network of stakeholders meeting several times per year
- A EU level event in Riga in June 2015



# European Alliance for Apprenticeships

## *Follow-up during 2015*

- ✓ NetWBL event (1-2 October, Vilnius) <http://www.net-wbl.eu/>
- ✓ Call for proposal on how to involve SMEs engaging in apprenticeships (published 15 October) [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/support-for-policy-reform-support-for-small-and-medium-sized-enterprises-engaging-in-apprenticeships\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/support-for-policy-reform-support-for-small-and-medium-sized-enterprises-engaging-in-apprenticeships_en)
- ✓ Final outcome (guiding principles) of the ET2020 WG on VET on apprenticeships (End of October)
- ✓ Cedefop country reviews, monitoring and matching conference (on SMEs (09-10 November))
- ✓ Enterprise 2020 Summit – European Pact for Youth (16-17 November)  
<http://www.csreurope.org/sites/default/files/Pact4Youth%20explanation.pdf>
- ✓ More info on Alliance : <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1147&langId=en>



# Mobility at EU Level

1. **EU target of 6% VET mobility**
2. **Initiatives by MEPs**
3. **BUDGET**
4. **Facilitate (longer) mobility (Scoreboard)**





# Erasmus+

*New call for 2016 published – some new elements*

- Call for SMEs (apprenticeships)
- Sector skills Alliances (NEW RULES)
- Call for policy experimentation



## Additional Links

**Call on policy experimentation : several topics**

**[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education\\_culture/more\\_info/awp/docs/c-2015-6151.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/more_info/awp/docs/c-2015-6151.pdf)**

**Call Sector Skills Alliances (NO SECTORS PRE-DEFINED)**

**[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf)**

**DROP PIN for youth opportunities <https://ec.europa.eu/eures/droppin/en>**

**EPALE for educators of adults <https://ec.europa.eu/epale/>**

**Link to ET2020 working group VET for the guidelines for apprenticeships (upcoming)**