



# Communications from the European Commission on Developments in Education & Training

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# Communications on Education & Training

- Focal points:
  - European Semester 2011 & Education and Training 2020
  - Multi-Annual Financial Framework
  - Developments under Youth on the Move and the Agenda for New Skills and Jobs



# European Semester



Education and Culture

## Cycle of economic policy coordination

- January: Annual Growth Survey by the Commission
- March: Strategic advice on policies by the European Council
- April: Member States submit:
  - stability and convergence programmes
  - National reform programmes
- July: adoption of country specific recommendations by the Council on delivering growth and jobs



# Country Specific Recommendations on education

- 11 on lifelong learning, VET and skills for the labour market (AT, CY, DK, EE, ES, FR, LU, MT, PL, SI, SK)
- 5 on early school leaving (AT, DK, ES, MT, UK)
- 5 on tertiary education (BG, CZ, MT, PL, SK)
- 3 on pre-school education (BG, DE, EE)
- 1 on school education (BG)

[http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/tools/monitoring/recommendations\\_2011/index\\_en.htm#](http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/tools/monitoring/recommendations_2011/index_en.htm#)



# Strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET 2020)

- Member States submitted National Reports in Spring 2011, questionnaire focussed on:
  - Early School Leaving
  - Tertiary Education Attainment
  - Mobility
  - New Skills and Jobs
  - Education budgets
  - Lifelong Learning Strategies
- Adoption of a Joint Commission/Council Report early 2012:
  - Including priorities for the 2012-2015 period
  - Input to the 2012 Annual Growth Survey



# Multi-Annual Financial Framework



- Commission proposal for a multi-annual budget for 2014-2020: 1,025 billion € (1.05 % of GNI) in July 2011
- 15.2 billion € proposed for education, training and youth (+73 %):
  - Focus on developing skills and mobility (up to 800,000 mobilities per year)
- Proposal for the new education, training and youth programme expected by November 2011



# Validation of non-formal and informal learning

- Commission proposal for a Council Recommendation expected late 2011:
  - Linked to EQF
  - Related to the development of the European Skills Passport expected in 2012
  - In line with the EU 2020 Strategy and the Bruges Communiqué on vocational education and training of December 2010



- **WHAT?** a multilingual, structured terminology of skills/competences, qualifications and occupations
- **WHY?** to facilitate the dialogue between the labour market and the education/training sector
- **HOW?** a structure consisting out of three different pillars covering occupations, qualifications and skills/competences (the three pillars will be linked to make interrelations between them visible)



## BY WHOM

### ESCO Board:

decision taking body providing strategic guidance, installed, 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting coming up

### ESCO Maintenance Group:

technical advice to the board, to be installed and 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in 2011

### Reference Groups:

30 groups of experts covering the main occupational areas

1 transversal reference group covering non-job specific skills/competences

3 sectoral reference groups and the transversal reference group to be installed and 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in 2011

# Other Developments

- *Council Recommendation on Early School Leaving* adopted on Council on 20 May 2011 (proposing a framework for coherent, comprehensive and evidence based policies against early school leaving)
- Thematic study on "*Teaching Reading in Europe*": Contexts, Policies and Practices" published in July, [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/thematic\\_studies\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/thematic_studies_en.php)
- Commission Communication on Modernisation of Higher Education to be adopted on 20th September



# EQF Portal

- Will become available early 2012 (in all official EU languages)
- Message sent on 29/7 to ELGPN members + Euroguidance centres asking for **feedback** on the explanatory texts
- URL: [http://ec.europa.eu/eqf/home\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/eqf/home_en.htm)
- Deadline: 20-9



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