



Apprenticeships - The European Alliance and the programme Erasmus+

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Outline

- **Council Declaration - Member States' Commitments**
- **Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans (YGIP)**
- **Roadmap for 2014**

Council Declaration on the Alliance 15 October 2013

- **Comprehensive approach combining education, training and employment measures**
- **Establishment of common guiding principles**
- **MSs commitments**

Member States' commitments (1)

- **All MSs, apart from CY, EL, FR, IT, MT, PT and SE, responded**
- **3 clusters of responses:**
 - *Introducing dual principles in formal VET, enhancing the WBL dimension in VET*
 - *Expanding existing apprenticeships*
 - *Fine-tuning in well-established apprenticeship schemes*

Member States' commitments - Highlights

- **RO: Share of WBL: 60% 1st year, 75% 2nd year (IVET programme)**
- **FI: Reform framed in Youth Guarantee**
- **LT: Double WBL-based VET by 2020**

Member States' commitments (3)

What we would like to see:

- **Concrete info on:**
 - *Length on (new) apprenticeship programmes*
 - *Targeted share of WBL and theoretical learning*
 - *Indicators, Timeline*
 - *Budget*
 - *Link to Youth Guarantee*
 - *Link to CSR*

Apprenticeship and Youth Guarantee (YG)

- **One out of four YG options (employment, continued education, an apprenticeship or traineeship)**
- **22 Youth Guarantee plans submitted (20 MS eligible for funding under the Youth Employment Initiative, plus AT and MT)**

Youth Guarantee and DGVT

- **List of YG coordinators for better linked/articulation**
- **Examples of Youth Guarantee policy measures/activities/interventions**
- **Discussion of education authorities involvement in Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans**

Alliance roadmap – 2014 highlights (1)

- **Evaluating & Monitoring Apprentice- & Traineeship schemes**
- **Thematic Network on WBL & Apprenticeships**
- **Cedefop conference**
- **ET2020 working group on VET**

Alliance roadmap – 2014 highlights (2)

- **Apprenticeship call → Erasmus+ KA-3**
- **Apprenticeship-related CSRs, YGIP**
- **European Business Forum on Vocational Training 2014**
- **Cedefop monitoring and reporting**
- **EU funding opportunities**
 - *Erasmus+, ESF, YEI*



More info:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/vocational-policy/alliance_en.htm

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1045&intPageId=1867&langId=en>



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Opportunities for Apprenticeships

Apprentices explicitly mentioned as eligible participants (p. 23 ERA+ Guide)

One VET priority is "developing partnerships between education and employment (in particular companies and social partners)" (p. 27)



KA-1 Mobility for VET learners

VET traineeship abroad from 2 weeks to 12 months:

- **placement in a workplace**
- **quality framework + learning agreement**
- **learning outcomes validated + recognised at institutional level**

KA-1 Mobility for VET learners

- **recently qualified can also participate (within 1 year after)**
- **individuals cannot apply directly for a grant**
- **abroad for >1 month: grant for linguistic preparation**
- **national VET consortia can apply (min. 3 VET organisations)**



KA-2 Strategic Partnerships in VET

Aims inter alia:

- **increasing labour market-relevance of learning provision & qualifications**
- **involvement of local & regional authorities in the qualitative development of edu & train**



KA-2 Strategic Partnerships in VET

Eligible organisations inter alia:

- **enterprises**
- **inter-company training centres**
- **companies providing shared training (collaborative training)**

Strategic Partnerships can include long-term training assignments

KA-2 Sector Skills Alliances

Aims inter alia:

- **responsiveness of IVET and CVT to sector-specific labour market needs**
- **notably at local & regional levels**
- **cooperation VET & labour market integrating work-based learning**

Focus on WBL, apply knowledge in practical projects and "real life" workplace situations are mentioned



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KA-3 Policy Support

Apprenticeship call:

- for national authorities
- deadline set for 26 June 2014
- contribute to national reforms, building high-quality apprenticeship schemes
- social partners, VET schools, individual companies important for quality of proposals

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