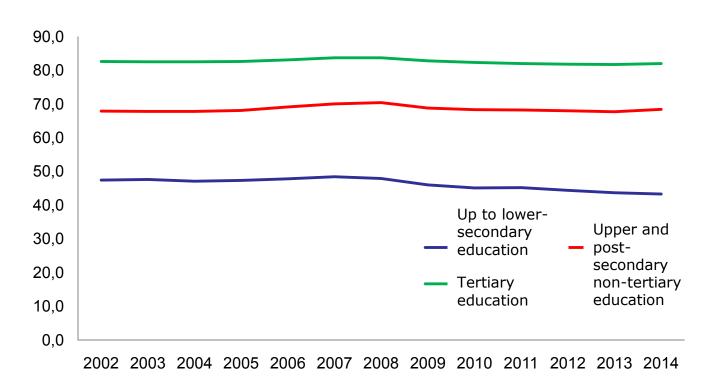


# Overview of the New Skills Agenda for Europe

**Key elements and actions** 



#### Employment rates by qualification level, EU-28



Source: EUROSTAT

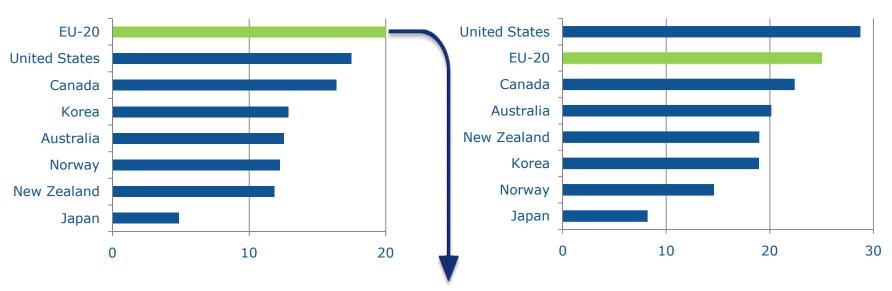


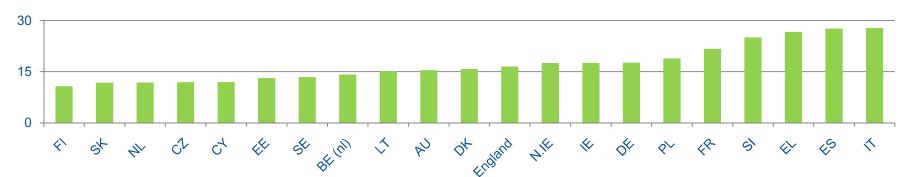
#### Europe vis-à-vis its competitors

#### Low literacy skills

Source: PIAAC 2016

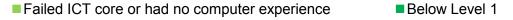
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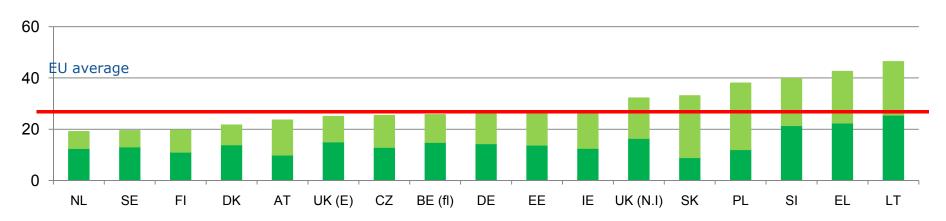


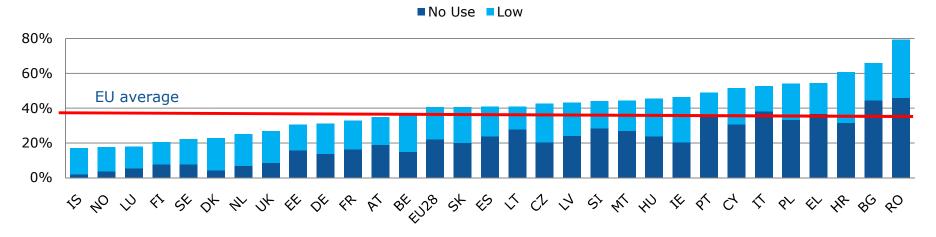




#### Low digital skills







Source: PIAAC 2016, Digital Agenda Scoreboard 2015 Digital Inclusion and Skills

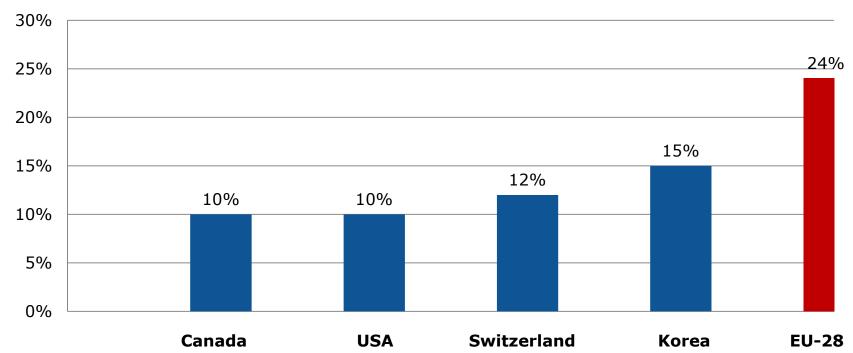


#### What about qualifications?

more than 65 million European adults without upper secondary education

#### Percentage of adults without upper secondary education

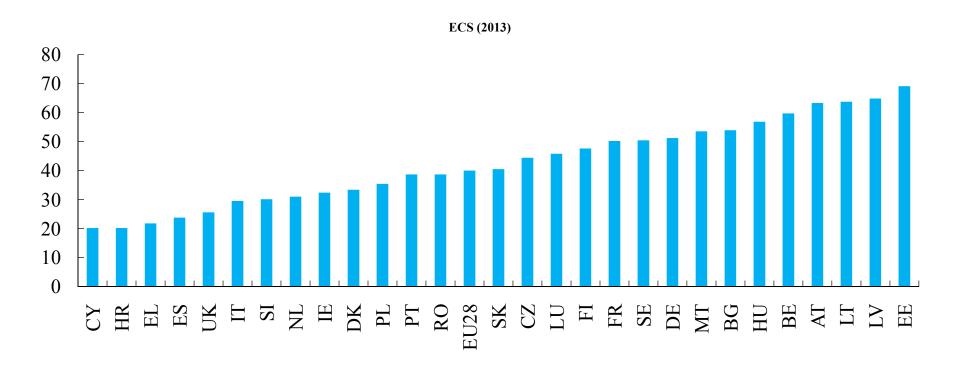
(lower secondary is the highest acquired educational attainment level)



Source: Eurostat 2014, OECD 2014



### % employers reporting difficulties in finding employees with the right skills



European Company Survey



### Stakeholders' views





## 3 priority areas for a New Skills Agenda for Europe:

- 1. Improving the quality and relevance of skills formation
- 2. Making skills and qualifications more visible and comparable
- 3. Improving skills intelligence and information for better career choices



### PRIORITY 1: IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND RELEVANCE OF SKILLS FORMATION



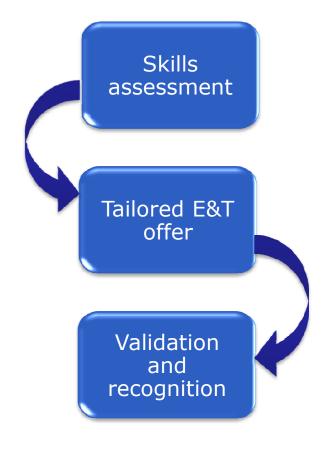


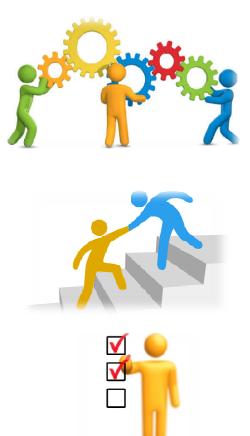
#### MAIN ACTIONS

- 1. (New) Council Recommendation on "Skills Guarantee" > June 2016
- 2. Revision of the Key Competences Framework > 2017
- 3. Making VET a first choice > 2017
- 4. Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition > end 2016



### **A Skills Guarantee**





Cooperation and Partnership

Outreach, Guidan ce and Support Measures

Monitoring and Evaluation



### **Key Competence Framework**

#### 8 Competences...

- Communication in Mother Tongue
- Communication in Foreign Language
- Mathematical and Science Competences
- Digital competences
- Learning to learn
- Social and civil competences
- Sense of initiative/entrepreneurship
- Cultural awareness/expression

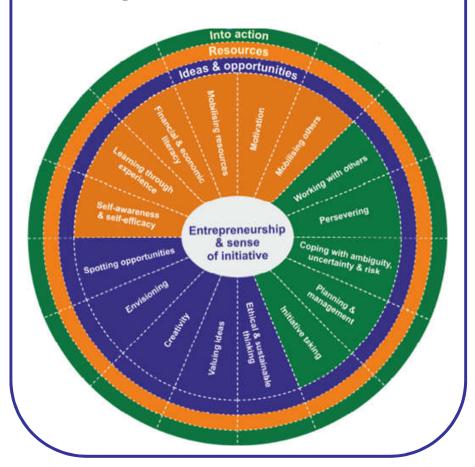
#### ... To be better implemented



### **Digital Competence Framework for Citizens**



### **Entrepreneurship Competence Framework**







### Making VET a first choice



VET Skills Week

Streamlining governance for cooperation on VET



Define a target for VET learners (WBL)

...and boost mobility



### **Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition**

### National Digital Skills Coalition

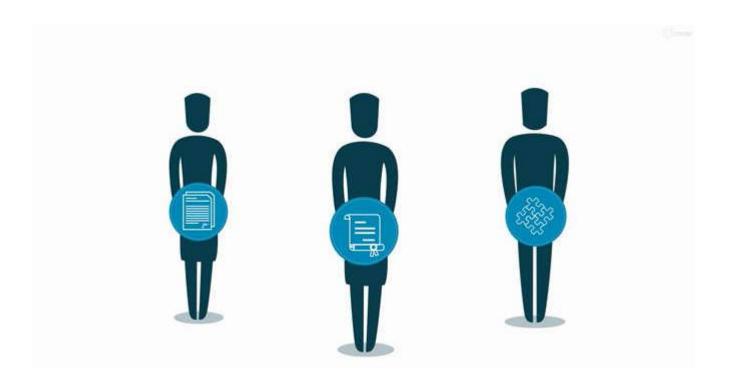


### Pledges to provide training to individuals





## PRIORITY 2: MAKING SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS VISIBLE AND COMPARABLE





#### MAIN ACTIONS

### 5. Revision of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) > June 2016

6. (New) Skills Tool Kit for Third Country Nationals > later in 2016



### **EQF** Revision

Commitment to regular update of referencing of NQFs



Common principles for quality assurance and credit systems



**Encourage use** of EQF



**Coordination with Third Countries** 





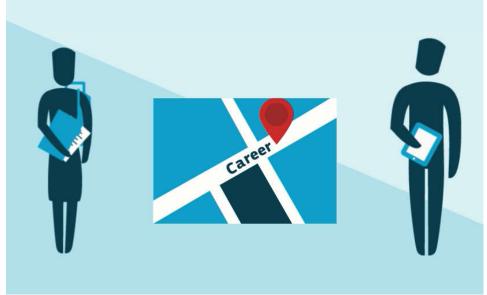
## **Skills Tool for Third Country Nationals**





## PRIORITY 3: IMPROVING SKILLS INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION FOR BETTER CAREER CHOICES







#### **MAIN ACTIONS**

- 7. Revision of Europass > late 2016
- 8. Sharing best practices on addressing brain drain > 2017
- 9. (New) Blueprint for Sectorial Cooperation on Skills > June 2016
- **10.** (New) Initiative on graduate tracking > **2017**



### **Revision of Europass**

Tools for documenting personal information in a variety of formats + self-assessment



**Open standards** 

ESCO European Classification of Skills/Competences, Qualifications and Occupations

Information on skills and qualifications, including skills trends, guidance, recognition practices and information on career opportunities









### ESCO European Classification of Skills/Competences, Qualifications and Occupations



ethic vision integrity

Leadership

contribution communication

motivation influence



4,000 occupations

13,000 skills

**Qualifications** 

#### **ESCO** in 24 languages to support:

- Publishing of job offers
- Online job matching
- Creating online CVs or profiles
- Search for jobs and candidates
- ...



## SKILLS PANORAMA Inspiring your choices on skills and jobs in Europe







## Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills

Selection of sector



**EU** partnerships



National/ regional partnerships















### **Graduate tracking**





### **DELIVERING THE AGENDA**





## The Skills Agenda and the European Semester







## The Skills Agenda and National Skills Strategies







### **EU Funding**



Investing in jobs and skills









European Regional Development Fund Investing in your future

#### **3 Priority Areas**



#### 10 Key Actions

#### I. IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND RELEVANCE OF SKILLS FORMATION

- 1. Proposal for a Skills Guarantee
- 2. Proposal for the review of the Key Competences
- 3. Proposals on making VET a first choice (e.g. revision of EQAVET and ECVET)
- 4. Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition

#### II. MAKING SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS MORE VISIBLE AND COMPARABLE

- 5. Proposal for the revision of the EQF
- 6. Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals

### III. IMPROVING SKILLS INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION FOR BETTER CAREER CHOICES

- 7. Proposal for the revision of the Europass Framework
- 8. Blueprint for Sectorial Cooperation on Skills
- 9. Analysis and sharing of best practice on brain drain
- 10. Proposal on Graduate Tracking



## Elements of the New Skills Agenda (June package)

- 1. Policy Communication
- 2. Proposal for a Council Recommendation on Skills Guarantee
- 3. Proposal for the revision of EQF Council Recommendation
- 4. Staff Working Document with 3 technical annexes supporting the legal proposals and summarising the results of the consultation on HE



### Thank you