



Introducing the

European Year of Skills 2023

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Today's presentation

1. **Context** of the European Year of Skills 2023



2. **Implementation** of the European Year of Skills 2023



- What's next?
- Stakeholder engagement

3. **Your involvement**



What is a European Year?

- The first European Year — the European Year of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and the Craft Industry — dates back to **1983**.
- European Years **raise awareness across the EU** about a particular topic. **Events and projects are organised to encourage debate and generate momentum.**

The logo for the European Year of Youth features a blue speech bubble with white text, surrounded by a circle of twelve yellow stars on a blue background.

**EUROPEAN
YEAR OF
YOUTH**

The logo for the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage features a teal background with a small European Union flag icon and the text "2018 EUROPEAN YEAR OF CULTURAL HERITAGE #EuropeForCulture".

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The logo for the 2015 European year for development features a yellow box with the year "2015" and a red box with the text "European year for development".

2015

European year

for development





European companies are grappling with a **shortage of staff** [...] Both low-end and high-end. We need everyone on board.

We need much **more focus in our investment** on professional education and upskilling.

We need **better cooperation with the companies**, because they know best what they need.

And we need to **match these needs with people's aspirations**.

But we also have to **attract the right skills to our continent**, skills that help companies and strengthen Europe's growth [...] we need to speed up and facilitate the recognition of qualifications also of third country nationals [...]

This is why I am proposing to make 2023 the European Year of Skills.



Why a European Year of Skills?

The Year would promote a mindset of reskilling and upskilling, boosting competitiveness of companies (in particular SMEs), realising the digital and green transitions in a socially fair, inclusive and just manner.



Investment

Increased, more effective and inclusive investment



Skills relevance

Strengthening skills relevance by close cooperation



Matching aspirations

Matching people's aspirations and skills-set with labour market opportunities



Attracting people

Attracting people from third countries with the skills needed by the Union

Who will be involved in the Year?

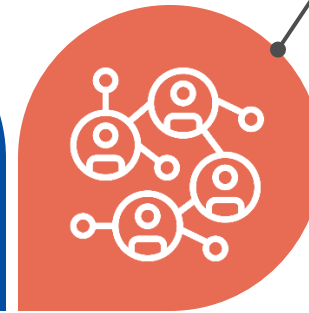
The European Institutions

- European Parliament
- European Commission: DG EMPL and other DGs: initiatives, support with communication and engagement
- EU policy agencies, such as CEDEFOP, ELA and ETF
- Commission Representations and EP Information Offices
- CoR, EESC, EIB...



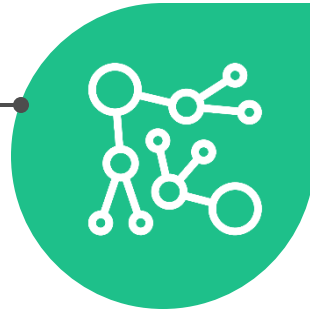
Member States

- Strong involvement of **Member States**.
- Appointment of **national coordinators** to raise awareness, shape the Year, coordinate actions.
- Close cooperation with the **Presidencies**.
- Implementing bodies such as ESF+ managing authorities



Existing platforms and networks

- Engaging a **wide range of stakeholders**
- Social partners
- Individuals, companies, chambers of commerce and industry, public authorities, education and training providers



International actors

- **OECD, UNESCO, ILO**
- Cooperation with **third countries**, in particular partner countries



State of play

The European Year of Skills 2023 will start as soon as the proposal is adopted

Before the Adoption:

- **Inter-institutional negotiations** (ordinary legislative procedure)
- Open **Public Consultation**
- **Opinions** by European Economic and Social Committee and European Committee of the Regions

During the Year:

- **Promoting relevant EU initiatives**, including EU funding opportunities
- **Events and awareness-raising campaigns**
- **Promoting tools and instruments** for increased transparency and easier recognition of qualifications

How can you get involved?

- Communication is key to European Years: spread the word and share updates on social media under the hashtag [#EuropeanYearOfSkills](#)
- Thank you for your interest! We look forward to collaborating with you to make the European Year of Skills a success.