

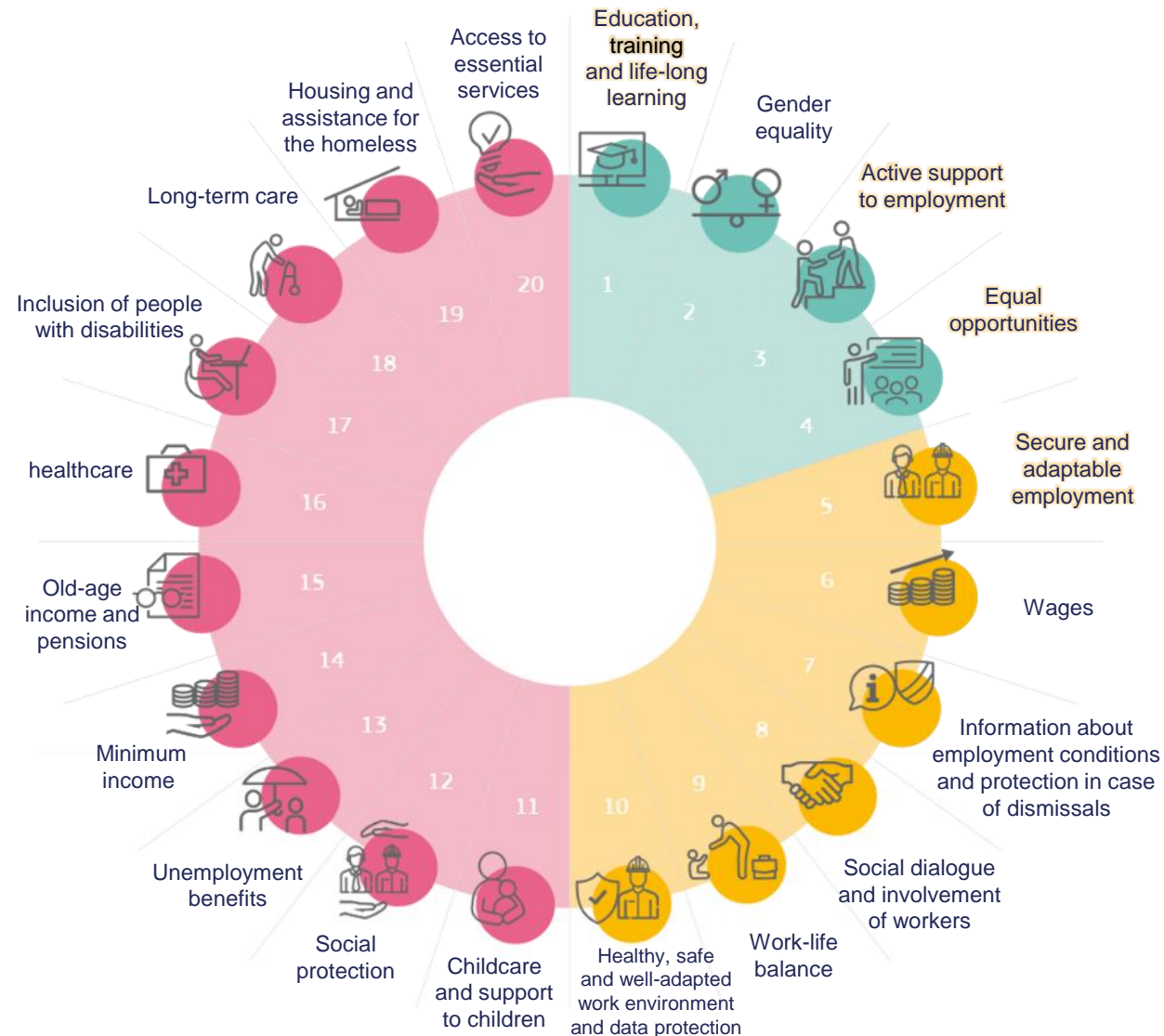


News from the European Commission

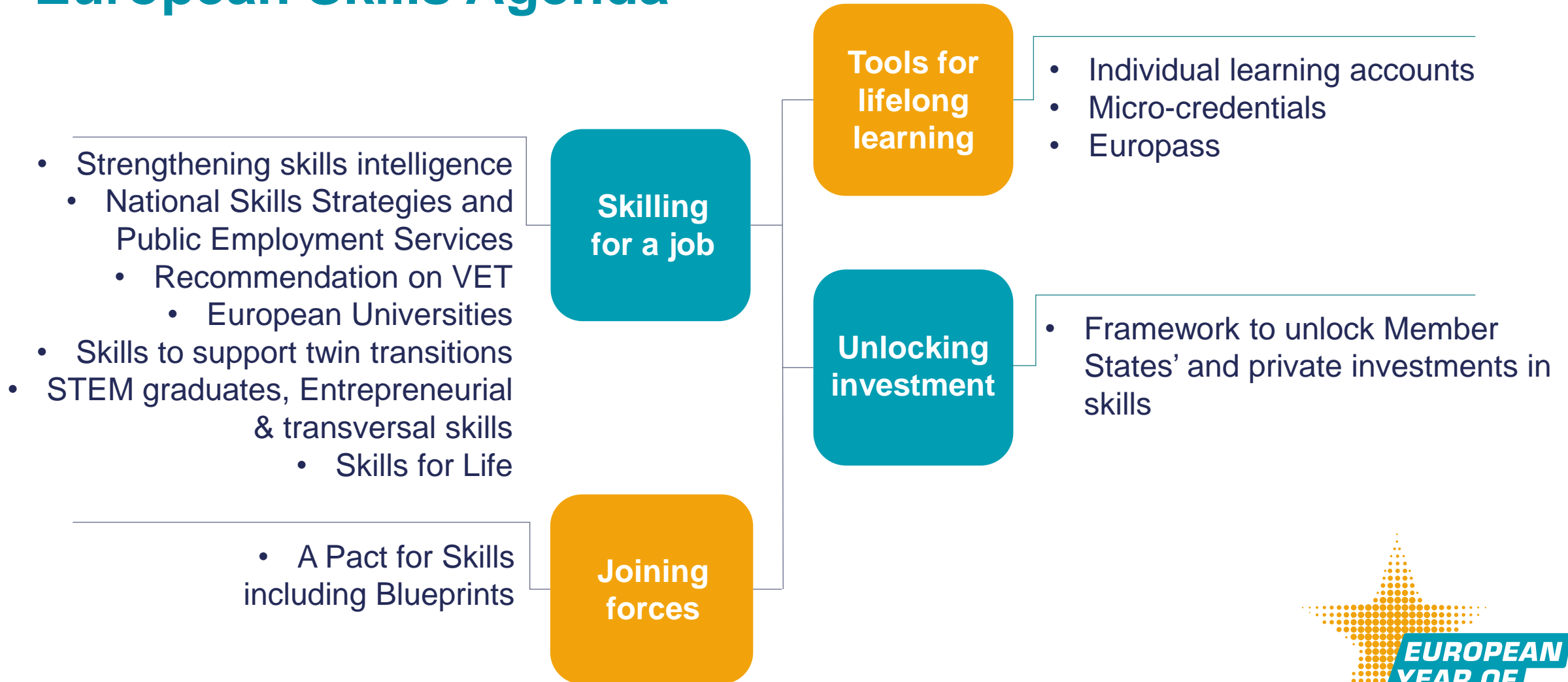
12th National Euroguidance-Europass Conference
„Career Guidance and Counselling in Serbia and Europe“
27 September 2024

*Koen Nomden
European Commission, DG EMPL*

European Pillar of Social Rights



European Skills Agenda



20 Large Scale Skills Partnerships now launched in all key industrial ecosystems.

Together, committed to provide **up- and reskilling opportunities to over 10 million people** in the coming years.

Most recent partnerships: Health Industry and Digitalisation of the Energy System (December 2023).

More than 1,500 joined the Pact from all Member States and sectors.

Now **focus on** developing **the regional dimension** of the Pact and, in particular, promoting the establishment of **new regional skills partnerships**. Two partnerships launched in Lombardy Region and in the European Chemical Regions Network. Three more in preparation.



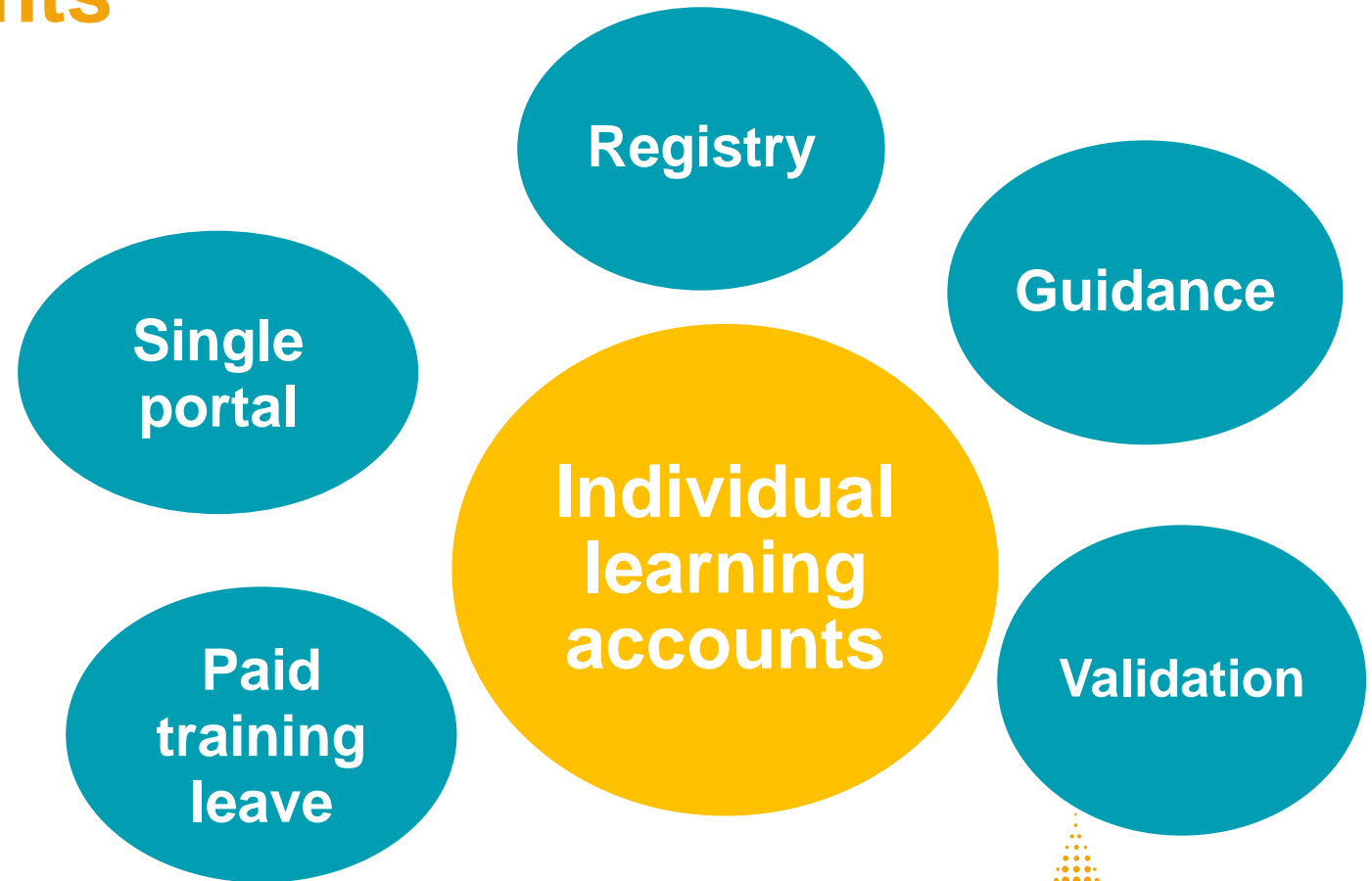
Individual Learning Accounts

Objective:

- support **all working-age adults** to access training, including for professional transitions and **irrespective of their labour force or professional status**;
- increase individuals' incentives and **motivation** to seek training.

Targeting

- Universal but differentiated support



**Council Recommendation of June 2022
on individual learning accounts**

Erasmus+ Centres of Vocational Excellence



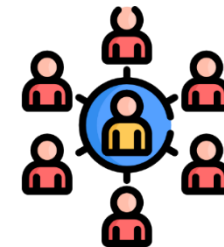
Erasmus+ funding 2021-2027:
€400 million for 100 CoVE networks



The **partners** include VET institutions, Universities of applied science, Research centres, Companies, Chambers, etc.



The projects work on **specific sectors** such as construction and health and **horizontal topics** such as the green and digital transitions and social inclusion



Act local, think global



Typical activities of CoVEs: beyond traditional VET provision

Vocational Excellence

Cooperation & Partnerships

Governance & Funding

Teaching & Learning



Promoting more and better apprenticeships

Council Recommendation on the European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships

Criteria for framework conditions



Regulatory framework



Involvement of social partners



Support for companies



Transparency



Career guidance and awareness raising



Flexible pathways and mobility



Quality assurance and graduate tracking

Criteria for working and learning conditions



Social protection



Pay and/or compensation



Learning outcomes



Pedagogical support



Workplace component



Work, health and safety conditions



Written contract

The European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA)

is a multi-stakeholder platform launched in 2013 to strengthen the **quality, supply** and overall **image** of apprenticeships across Europe, while also promoting the **mobility** of apprentices.

These aims are promoted through national commitments and voluntary pledges from stakeholders.

EAfA

European
Alliance for
Apprenticeships

Currently more than 450 members and more than 2.5 million apprenticeships opportunities offered



EAfA is open to...

Governments and stakeholders from all EU, EFTA, candidate and EAfA partner countries, including businesses, VET providers, social partners and public authorities

What we have done in the last year:

- **Factsheets** on EU funding opportunities (ex. ESF+) and Erasmus+ projects
- Leaflet on **micro-credentials**
- Factsheet on **transversal skills**
- **Webinar** on apprenticeships and the hospitality sector
- **Toolkit** on learning mobility of apprentices
- Factsheet on **guidance and awareness raising**

What is coming up by end 2024:

- Factsheet on **support to SMEs**
- Webinar on **green skills**
- **Toolkit** on digital skills, VR, AR in apprenticeships



EU targets by 2030 on skills and employment

EU social targets

At least 60% of all adults should participate in training every year

At least 78% of people aged 20 to 64 should be in employment

Europe's Digital Decade

80% of Europeans to have at least basic digital skills

20 million ICT specialists
(+ **gender convergence**)

Council Recommendation on a European approach to micro-credentials for lifelong learning and employability

Quality

Trust

Uptake

Funding of micro-credentials

12 Erasmus+ **Forward Looking** projects

2024 Erasmus+ **Policy Experimentations**

Erasmus+ **CoVEs** projects

Recovery and Resilience Plans

ESF+

Technical Support Instrument



What is the implementation status of the EQF?

- All 41 EQF countries have **national qualifications frameworks** based on **learning outcomes**
- 36 of them have **referenced** and 7 presented an **updated referencing report**
- 34 countries **indicate EQF levels** on certificates, diplomas or supplements
- 23 countries **indicate EQF levels** on databases or registers of qualifications



Europass infosite

Presents information as described on the Europass decision and the first access point to register and use the digital tools.

e-Portfolio

Set of online tools & information to manage every step of your learning and career.

Digital skills self-assessment test

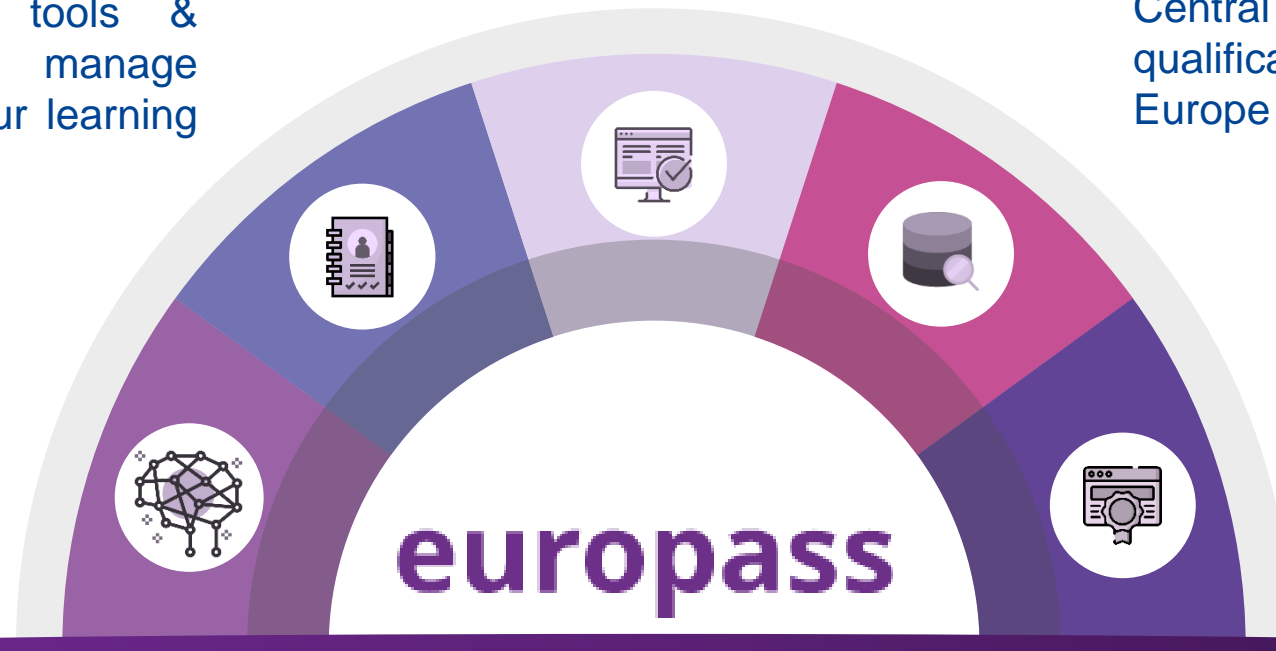
Tool to assess and improve digital skills. Based on the Digital Competence Framework.

Jobs, Learning Opportunities, and Qualifications Search

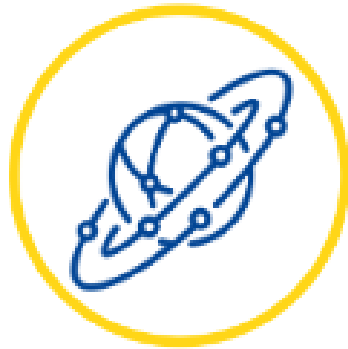
Central database to search for courses, qualifications, accreditation throughout Europe and link with EURES

Digital Credentials

Set of standards, services & software allowing institutions to issue digital, tamper-evident qualifications and other learning credentials.



Why do we need Digital Credentials?



Digitalising world



Security & Trust



Recognition



Showcasing
Knowledge & Skills



Ownership of data

Supporting Validation and Recognition

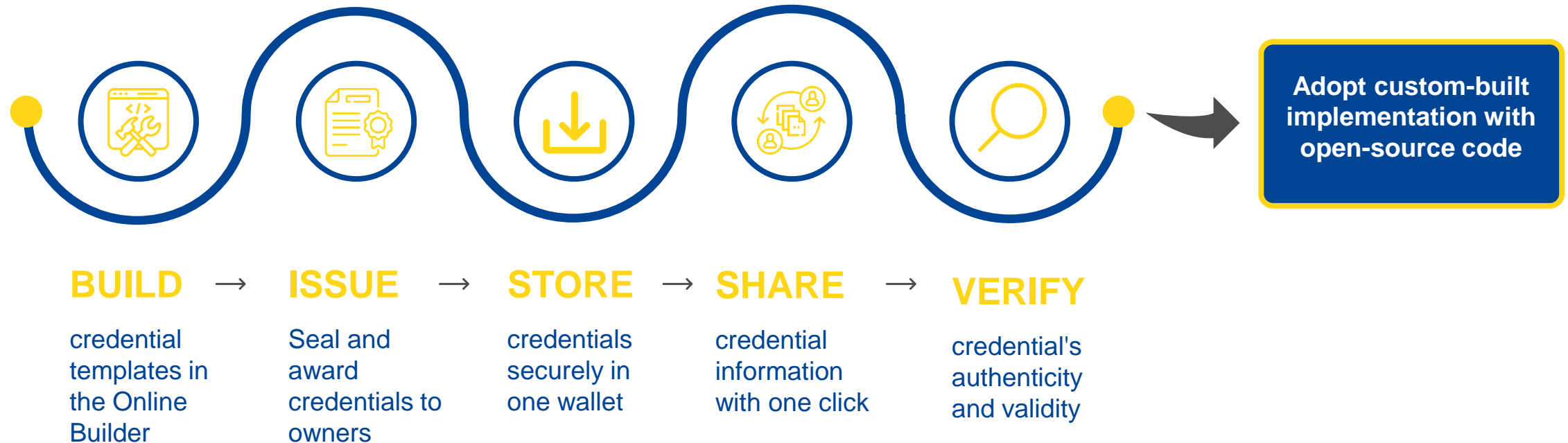


- **Focus on any learning achievements** (formal, non-formal, informal)
- **Verify the origin:** eSeals provide trust in origin (E-IDAS)
- **Structured data:** A single way of providing data. Improve the understanding of information and interoperability through the use of a single datamodel for learning related information (*European Learning Model*)
- **Multilingual by default:** Provide and navigate content in 29 different languages
- **Interoperability:** Aligned with existing frameworks (EQF/NQF, ISCED-F, ESCO micro-credentials recommendation, etc)
- **Accreditation:** Instantly verify whether an institution is accredited to award a certain qualification



What is offered by the EDC infrastructure?

Start with web-based free tools



[For a more detailed introduction to EDC – see our last Webinar](#)

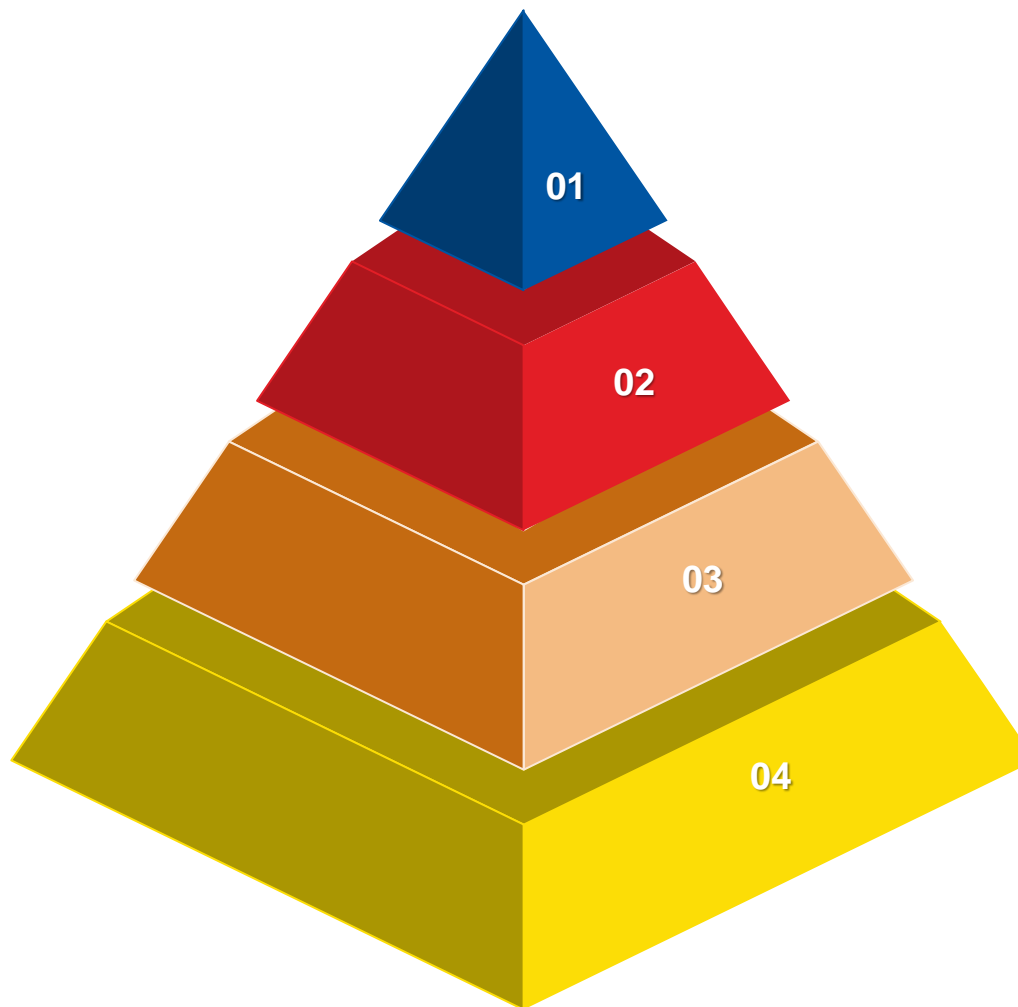
European Learning Model

01 European Information Model

Definitions and Standards in EQF Recommendation, Diploma Supplement, Europass Decision, etc. supplemented by glossaries for additional terms

03 Application Profiles

Specific sets of rules for publishing learning opportunities, qualifications, accreditations and credentials in Europass



02 European Learning Model

A Linked Open Data publication of concepts to be used in educational and employment use cases throughout Europe

04 Extensions

National, Regional or Sectoral extensions of the data model & application profiles to deal with specific use cases

Who are the actors at European level?

Inter-Agency Group on career guidance (IAG-CG)

The IAG-CG (Unesco, ILO, OECD, ETF, Worldbank, Cedefop + COM) was set up 2021 with the aim of:

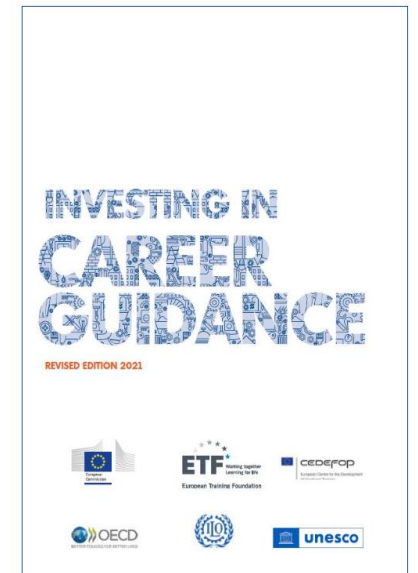
- (i) *coordinating activities and messages;*
- (ii) *developing and implementing joint activities and products.*

Example: Joint leaflet on “Investing in career guidance” (2021):

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=en&pubId=8409&furtherPubs=yes>

Some of the outputs 2022-2024:

1. Global Career Month 2022 (8 Nov-12 Dec 2022)
2. Informal career talks with guidance experts (2023-2024)
3. Joint statement on “Career guidance for workers” (July 2023)
4. Revision of the Investing in Career guidance leaflet (planned 2024)



Where do we stand at EU level?

Cedefop planned work for 2024–2026:

- ✓ **Update of the LLG Guidelines** - broad and across all sectors to be used as an updated “reference framework”
- ✓ **Quality – Monitoring & Evaluation** study
- ✓ **With other teams or projects where guidance features:** ILA and Upskilling pathways (adult learning),
- ✓ **Update of the Resources for Guidance tool** on ICT and LMI integration in career guidance. [Resources for guidance | CEDEFOP \(europa.eu\)](#)



TOWARDS A SKILLS REVOLUTION

Results of the European Year of Skills

**EUROPEAN
YEAR OF
SKILLS**

EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS IN NUMBERS

Our messages reached millions of people and businesses all over Europe



2000+
events across
Europe



190
EU led initiatives
on skills



90 million
video views on
YouTube and
Twitch



7 million
readers through
national media
partnership



1.37 million
visitors to 54
events in 23
Member States



41 million
TV viewers
in 5 targeted
countries



69 million
reach on social
media

THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS - CHANGING MINDS*

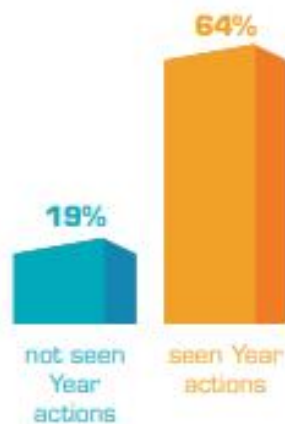


People who have **seen or heard about European Year of Skills activities and initiatives:**

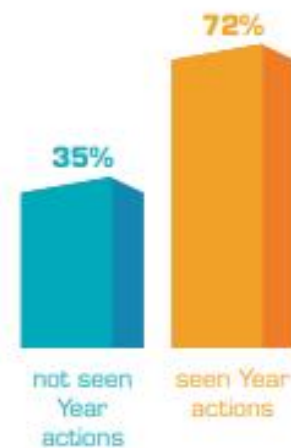
Are more aware of EU skills policies



Are more willing to take a training course



Say that the **Year has an impact** on their lives



* European Year of Skills communication activities survey results (March 2024)



What's next?



Political Guidelines – July 2024:

Union of Skills
Skills Portability



Draghi Report on future European Competitiveness



New Commission 2025-2029

Designated future C SSR Roxana Mînzatu

Union of Skills

- Adult and lifelong learning, vocational education and training, skill retention and recognition and enhancing skills intelligence
- European Education Area
- European Degree
- Skills academies
- European Universities Alliances.
- Skills Portability Initiative : ensure skills and qualifications recognition
- Contribute to legal migration to match EU labour market needs, starting with the Talent Pool.
- European Strategy for Vocational Education and Training, including boosting the number of people with a secondary VET degree including apprenticeships.
- Action Plan on Basic Skills and a STEM Education Strategic Plan
- Review of the Digital Education Action Plan
- Pact for Skills to develop large-scale partnerships to upskill and reskill more workers in key industrial ecosystems.
- EU Teachers Agenda
- A European Schools Alliance
- You will be supported by DG EAC and EMPL

Thank you.