

EDDIE AT THE PACT FOR SKILLS NETWORKING EVENT

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The representatives of EDDIE Project – „Education for Digitalization of Energy" participated at the "Networking Event for Pact for Skills Members", organized online by the European Commission (EC), on Tuesday, 31th of May 2022. The Pact for Skills was launched in November 2020 by the European Commission as a shared engagement model for skills development in Europe aiming to maximise the impact of investing in upskilling and reskilling. Since 2020, more than 650 organisations, among them companies, workers, national, regional, and local authorities, social partners, cross-industry and sectoral organisations, education and training providers, chambers of commerce and employment services have joined the Pact.

The Pact for Skills is the first of the flagship actions under the [European Skills Agenda](#) and is firmly anchored in the [European Pillar of Social Rights](#).

The Networking Event is the first opportunity for the members of the Pact to gather, to learn more about the Pact, the activities organized under it and discover what initiatives have been implemented by fellow members.

The Agenda of the [Pact for Skills Networking Event](#) underlined several presentations that includes updates on the latest policy developments, as well as an overview of the tools and resources offered by the recently launched Pact for Skills Support Services. Moreover, the participants were able through the website to read about other attendees, identify key potential peers for networking and organise one-to-one meetings. In addition, the participants had the opportunity to meet the coordinators of the Large-scale Skills Partnerships developed under the Pact and to learn about the initiatives launched in the different ecosystems. Pact for Skills Commitments, Regional Dimension and ecosystem in the Pact for Skills, Cross-ecosystem parallel session: Construction, Renewable Energy were key subjects discussed during the Event.

In this context, Manuela GELENG – Director of Jobs and Skills, DG EMPL underlined important aspects: "We need to invest more in upskilling and reskilling opportunities. The Pact for Skills is based on skills actions that are shared between many actors, and there is a need to work together to maximise the impact in upskilling and reskilling. This Pact is not just about commitments, is also about concrete actions, with real impact".

"One of crucial components of transition pathways which is indeed related to very strategic visions, but is oriented also to very practical measures that needs to be taken concerning investments, regulatory environment and notably, skills. The final goal is to have a successful transition where employees will find for themselves the necessary skills", pointed out Jakub BORATYNSKI – Director of Networks and Governance, DG GROW.

The objectives of Pact for Skills Support Services are the following: to strengthen the capacity of large-scale skills partnerships to deliver quality upskilling and reskilling for people of working age; to develop viable large-scale skills parentships among the European industrial ecosystems; and to promote the awareness of benefits and need for quality upskilling and reskilling.

The role of Education in the Digital Era for Digitalization and the Development of synergies with other innovation projects funded by the European Commission through the ERASMUS+ program will create the framework for EDDIE Project to actively contribute to decisions in the process of Digitalization of the European Energy Sector (DEES).

EDDIE Project is funded by the EC under the ERASMUS+ Program and aims at creating a Sector Skills Alliance (SSA) by bringing together all the relevant stakeholders in the Energy value chain such as industry, education and training providers, European organizations, recruiters, social partners, and public authorities. The main objective of this SSA is to develop a long-driven Blueprint for the DEES to enable the matching between the current and future demand of skills necessary and the supply of improved Vocational Education and Training systems and beyond.