



**Dear Pact for Skills members and supporters,**

In this edition of the Pact for Skills newsletter, we have gathered the most essential updates related to upskilling and reskilling. From our 2023 annual survey results, to important events and useful resources, explore the highlights below to learn more!

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## Results from the 2023 annual Pact for Skills survey are out!

The 2023 annual Pact for Skills survey revealed promising advances among its members. Notably, 94% of members reported progress towards at least one of the Pact principles, underscoring their commitment to upskilling and reskilling, skills monitoring, partnerships, and equal opportunities. A significant majority, 81%, found the Pact for Skills instrumental in supporting their upskilling and reskilling endeavours. The collaborative effort was evident as 71 000 stakeholders united in skills networks. Furthermore, a substantial investment of €151 million was allocated in 2023 to upskilling and reskilling activities, reflecting a tangible commitment to fostering a skilled workforce prepared for the demands of the future.

[Learn more about the survey results.](#)

## Pact for Skills Forum: empowering Europe's workforce

The inaugural Pact for Skills Forum, held on 21 and 22 March 2024, emerged as a resounding success, marking a significant milestone in the pursuit of enhancing skills and fostering talent across Europe. Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL), the event witnessed active participation, with over 470 individuals joining online and approximately 160 attendees present in person. By bringing together key stakeholders, policymakers and industry leaders, the event not only showcased best practices but also catalysed collective action towards building a skilled and resilient workforce fit for the future.

[Learn more about the key outcomes of the Pact for Skills Forum by reading the full report.](#)



## Peer-learning activity on introducing skills management in SMEs

This peer-learning activity, which took place on 17 April, allowed Pact for Skills members to learn more about challenges and opportunities of introducing skills management in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). At the event, Pact members heard from experts and exchanged upscaling ideas and good practices with other stakeholders across Europe to further enhance upskilling and reskilling in their day-to-day work and better address current and future skills needs.

[Read the report](#)

## Pact for Skills networking event 2024

Stay tuned for our 2024 Pact for Skills networking event, which will take place on 6 June! The networking event will be an opportunity for potential new members to learn more about the Pact, its objectives and activities, as well as the benefits of joining the Pact. More information will be shared soon!

## AGENSO becomes the Pact's 2 500th member!

We are proud to share that during the Pact for Skills Forum, which took place on 21 March, Commissioner Schmit announced the Pact had reached 2 500 members. At the Year of Skills closing event, on April 30th, the 2 500th Pact member AGENSO was unveiled. We would like to thank AGENSO and all our members for their constant efforts in boosting people's skills, and we are convinced that together we can achieve our goal for a more skilled European workforce.

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## New Pact for Skills Regional Partnership launched for Basque cultural and creative industries

The new Regional Skills Partnership (RSP) KSIgune is spearheading efforts to bridge the gap between education and industry demands, with a focus on upskilling and reskilling for the digital age. In the context of the Pact for Skills, KSIgune commits to several strategic actions. These include fostering collaboration among stakeholders to enhance training capacity, identifying and implementing new educational models, and strengthening knowledge transfer between academia and industry through initiatives like the KSIgune Connections Programme.

[Learn more about KSIgune's planned activities.](#)

Stay tuned for the upcoming launch of our newest Regional Skills Partnership for digital skills to increase the quality and resilience of the health system in Italy.



## Online library update

Make sure to check out the updated Pact for Skills online library, now with more useful and relevant resources for Pact members and stakeholders. [Access the Pact's online library.](#)

