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Entrepreneurship in regions to strengthen EU competitiveness

**Fostering creativity, entrepreneurship and mobility in
education and training**

Panel II

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Entrepreneurial spirit in EU back on track

- **EC´ president Juncker:** „Growth, jobs and investment will only return to Europe if we create the right regulatory environment and promote an climate for entrepreneurship and job creation.
- **LV PRES priority: to promote digital opportunities and foster entrepreneurship education, particularly at regional level**
- **The Council for Youth, Education, Culture and Sport stresses in its conclusions from 12 December 2014:** Developing an entrepreneurial mindset can have considerable benefits for citizens in both their professional and private lives.



Comeback to ET 2020

- **Oslo Agenda for Entrepreneurship Education in Europe (2006)** stepping up progress in promotion of entrepreneurial mindset in society
- **Strategic Framework for European cooperation in Education and Training (CZ PRES 2009)**
- **EC Communication *Rethinking Education***
- **EC Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan**
- **EC Youth in move introducing – Youth guarantee and Apprenticeship alliance**

LV PRES: stronger links between EUROPE 2020 a ET 2020



How to equip people to be more prepared for labour market and life

- To go beyond Youth Guarantee
- **Transversal skills and competences** applicable in all areas of life: critical thinking, problem solving, intuitive decision making and risk taking, creativity and sense of initiative, adaptability and perseverance.
- There are new challenges in Europe for improving adaptability and mobility:
 - Foreign languages
 - Digital skills
 - Greening skills



How to learn entrepreneurial spirit?

- **Entrepreneurship skills should be addressed at all levels of education and training starting from an early age.**
- **EC Report (2012) *Entrepreneurship education at school in Europe* showed different approaches of the MS:**
 - **Specific strategies/action plans**
 - **Broader educational strategies**
 - **Individual or multiple initiatives**
- **Not all can be learned, we should concentrate on what is possible to learn: work-based programmes, apprenticeship, internship, traineeship, volunteering, sport activities**



How to measure entrepreneurial skills

- The continuing difficulties surrounding the recognition and transparency of skills and qualification are hindering development of the right mix of them as well as mobility needed for better matching between skills and jobs.
- **The European Area of Skills and Qualifications (EASQ) should revise existing tools and ensure their coherence**
- The EC outlines the need to recognise, assess and validate the skills that people gather outside school.
- The EESC supports the EC proposal to develop a competence reference framework for entrepreneurship within the Key Competence Framework.



What is Role of Teachers and Trainers

- **Teachers and trainers have a crucial role to play as facilitators of learning and multipliers of ideas.**
- **The skills of individual teachers and trainers are seen as the most important aspects of education.**
- **Entrepreneurial teacher education institutions need to develop a clear educational concept, to equip teachers with the ability to teach the world of tomorrow**
- **Entrepreneurial teacher training programmes should motivate student teachers to develop their own entrepreneurial knowledge, skills and attitudes.**



How to boost partnership and mobilise forces

Business stakeholders should be closely consulted regarding the formulation of education activities for entrepreneurship.

- **There is a need for stronger cooperation between businesses and education institutions.**
- **The social partners organisations need to get involved in designing national lifelong learning strategies and action plans for implementing Youth Guarantees.**
- **Involvement of civil society organisations is crucial – CSOs can focus more effectively on the needs and priorities of specific groups of citizens in the education system and on the labour market.**



Effective use of EC programmes and tools

- European Social Fund
- ERASMUS for all
- ERASMUS for young entrepreneurs
- **ERASMUS+ programme aims to boost skills and employability, as well as to modernise education,**
- ESCO (European Skills, Competences and Occupations Taxonomy)
- COSME and HORIZON2020
- Youth Employment Initiative
- Creative Europe



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Thank you for attention