



22nd Steering Group Meeting of PA 9

General update and state of play

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MRS report 2022 and Staff Working Document

- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, The Council, The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation of EU macro-regional strategies
- A bi-annual report on the progress and challenges for MRS
- 3 main topics this year:
 - ✓ Social change
 - ✓ Youth
 - ✓ Green Deal
- Strong emphasis also on people and skills challenges, also in terms of the war in Ukraine and COVID-19
- Important contribution brought by PA9 EUSDR !

Survey on integration of people fleeing Russia's invasion of Ukraine in Vocational Education and Training (VET)

- Survey launched by DG EMPL in March 2022
- Addressed to **policy makers, social partners and VET providers**
- Topics covered by the survey:
 - Access to Initial and Continuing Vocational Education and Training
 - Languages challenges
 - Recognition of prior learning and qualifications
 - Proposals for EU actions
- More info on the survey and results [HERE](#)

The Education and Innovation Summit 2022

- Key topics for the summit:
 - the role of higher education institutions as drivers of innovation
 - the importance of enabling creativity, stimulate vocations, and foster entrepreneurship competences of learners at all education levels
 - concrete steps to enhance innovation in higher education teaching and learning
- 23 June 2022, hybrid event
- <https://education.ec.europa.eu/event/education-and-innovation-summit>

Progress on the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

- Important for the more inclusive education and labour market in the region
- New flagship initiatives on the EU level:
 - **Package to improve the labour market outcomes of persons with disabilities** (second half of 2022)
 - European resource centre **AccessibleEU** (2022)
 - a proposal for a **European Disability Card** that would apply to all EU countries (by the end of 2023)
 - guidance recommending improvements on **independent living** and inclusion in the community (2023)
- More information [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

Thank you

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