



**EUROPEAN  
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# Today's presentation

- European Year of Skills: context
- EU Skills policy
- Your involvement



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# EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS: CONTEXT





European companies are grappling with a **shortage of staff** [...] Both low-end and high-end. We need everyone on board.

We need much more focus in our investment on **professional education and upskilling**.

We need **better cooperation** with the companies, because they know best what they need.

And we need to match these needs with people's aspirations.

But we also have to **attract the right skills** to our continent, skills that help companies and strengthen Europe's growth [...] we need to speed up and facilitate the **recognition of qualifications** also of third country nationals [...]

**This is why I am proposing to make 2023 the European Year of Skills**



# Why a European Year of Skills?

The Year would promote a mindset of **reskilling and upskilling**

- > boosting **competitiveness** of companies (in particular SMEs),
- > realising the **digital and green transitions** in a socially fair, inclusive and just manner



## Investment

Increased, more effective and inclusive investment



## Skills relevance

Strengthening skills relevance by close cooperation



## Matching aspirations

Matching people's aspirations and skills-set with labour market opportunities



## Attracting people

Attracting people from third countries with the skills needed by the Union





# Who will be involved in the Year?

## ★ European Institutions

- European Parliament
- European Commission: DG EMPL and other DGs: initiatives, support with communication and engagement
- EU policy agencies, such as CEDEFOP ELA and ETF
- Commission Representations and EP Information Offices
- CoR, EESC, EIB...

## ★ Member States

- Strong involvement of Member States.
- Appointment of national coordinators to raise awareness, shape the Year, coordinate actions.
- Close cooperation with the Presidencies.
- Implementing bodies such as ESF+ managing authorities

## ★ Existing platforms and networks

- Engaging a wide range of stakeholders
- Social partners
- Individuals, companies, chambers of commerce and industry, public authorities, education and training providers

## ★ International Actors

- OECD, UNESCO, ILO
- Cooperation with third countries, in particular partner countries



# WHAT'S NEXT?



## Ready to start!

- The [Decision](#) on the European Year of Skills was adopted on 11 May.
- The Year will take place in the period of **9 May 2023 to 8 May 2024**.







## Major events planned

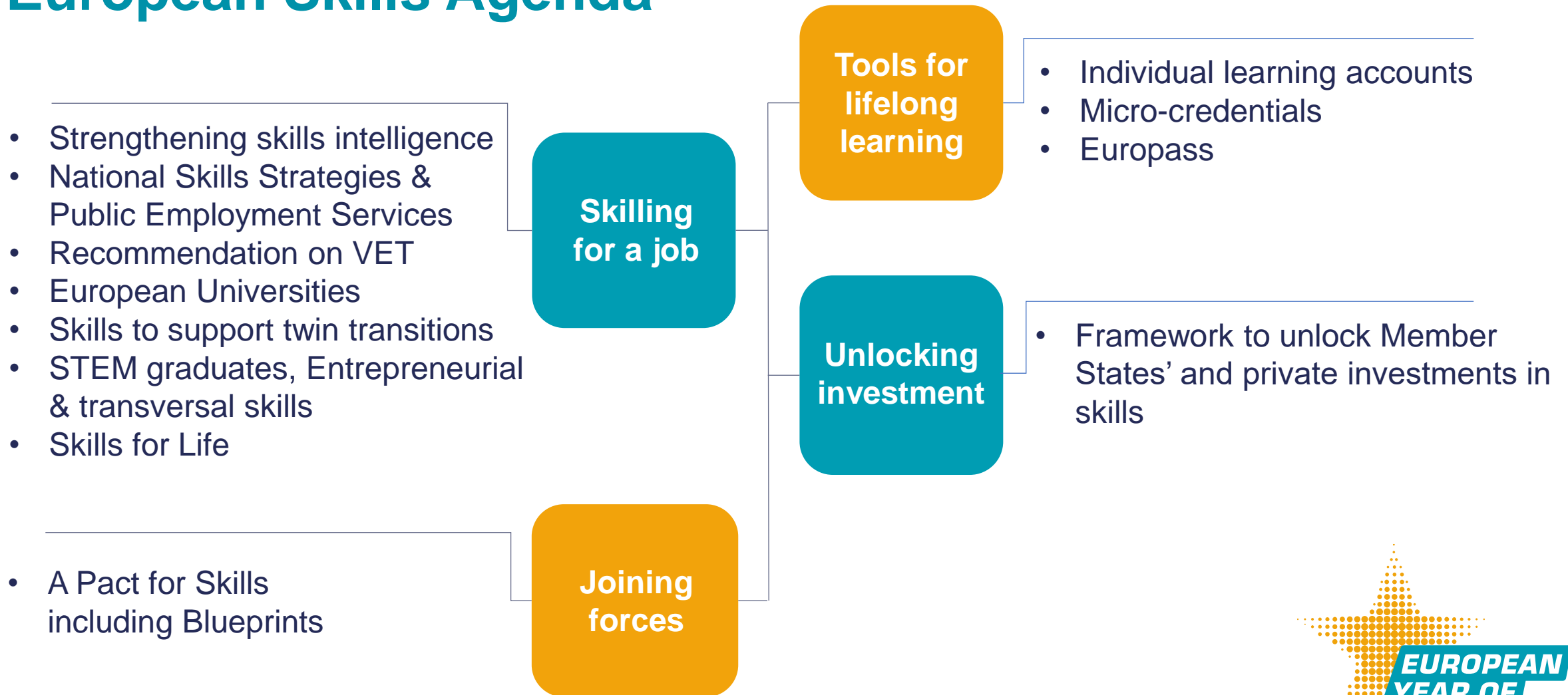
- 9 May:  
**European Year of Skills 'festival'**
- 8 - 9 June:  
**'Making Skills Count' event**
- 23 - 27 October:  
**The European Vocational Skills week**
- Beginning of 2024:  
**The concluding event**



# EU SKILLS POLICY



# European Skills Agenda





# EU Tools to support skills policy

> Europass



> ESCO



> European Qualifications Framework



> SkillsOvate

SKILLS OVATE  
ONLINE VACANCY  
ANALYSIS TOOL FOR  
EUROPE



> Eures



> DigComp







## EU Networks and mutual learning

- European Alliance for Apprenticeships



- Digital Skills & Jobs Platform



- Pact for Skills



- EPALE



- Working Group on VET & adult learning

- Network of National Coordinators for adult learning





# Analytical references at EU-level

- Education and Training Monitor
- OECD support to national Skills Strategies
- Eurofound
- The European Semester
- CEDEFOP
- Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- Eurydice



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# Funding instruments to support skills policy

➤ European Social Fund



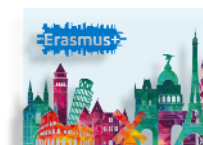
➤ Recovery and Resilience Facility



➤ Digital Europe Programme



➤ Erasmus +



➤ InvestEU



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# YOUR INVOLVEMENT





# How can you contribute?

- Liaise with the National Coordinator of your country. The list is available here: [https://year-of-skills.europa.eu/stay-touch\\_en](https://year-of-skills.europa.eu/stay-touch_en)
- Develop own activities on re-skilling and upskilling using EYS branding (as per [Communication toolkit](#)) - **submit your event [here](#)**
- Share successful project **stories** and compelling individual **testimonials** [EMPL-SHARE-YOUR-SKILLS-STORY@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EMPL-SHARE-YOUR-SKILLS-STORY@ec.europa.eu)
- Join EU events



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# Thank you for your interest!

We look forward to collaborating with you to make the European Year of Skills a success!

Useful link: [European Year of Skills webpage](#)  
**#EuropeanYearOfSkills**



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