



"I welcome the creation of the European Alliance on Skills for Employability as a vehicle to drive employability, competitiveness and growth for the people of Europe."

Günter Verheugen, Vice President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry

"We would like to attain the goal that tens or hundreds of thousands of Hungarian SMEs would benefit from both high-level ICT skills and digital literacy as a natural part of their everyday lives."

Ferenc Gyurcsány, Hungarian Prime Minister

"IT Fitness Initiative is at the center of Germany's efforts as part of the European Alliance on Skills for Employability... an innovative example of multi stakeholder partnerships in the field of CSR"

Vladimir Špidla, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunity, March 2007

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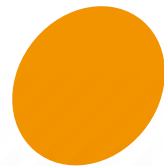
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New Skills for New Jobs in Europe

European Alliance on Skills for Employability



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ON SKILLS FOR EMPLOYABILITY



e-skills for employability

Do you know that 37% of the EU population has no computer skills whatsoever?

Is it true that 60% of people not educated beyond lower secondary level have no basic e-skills?

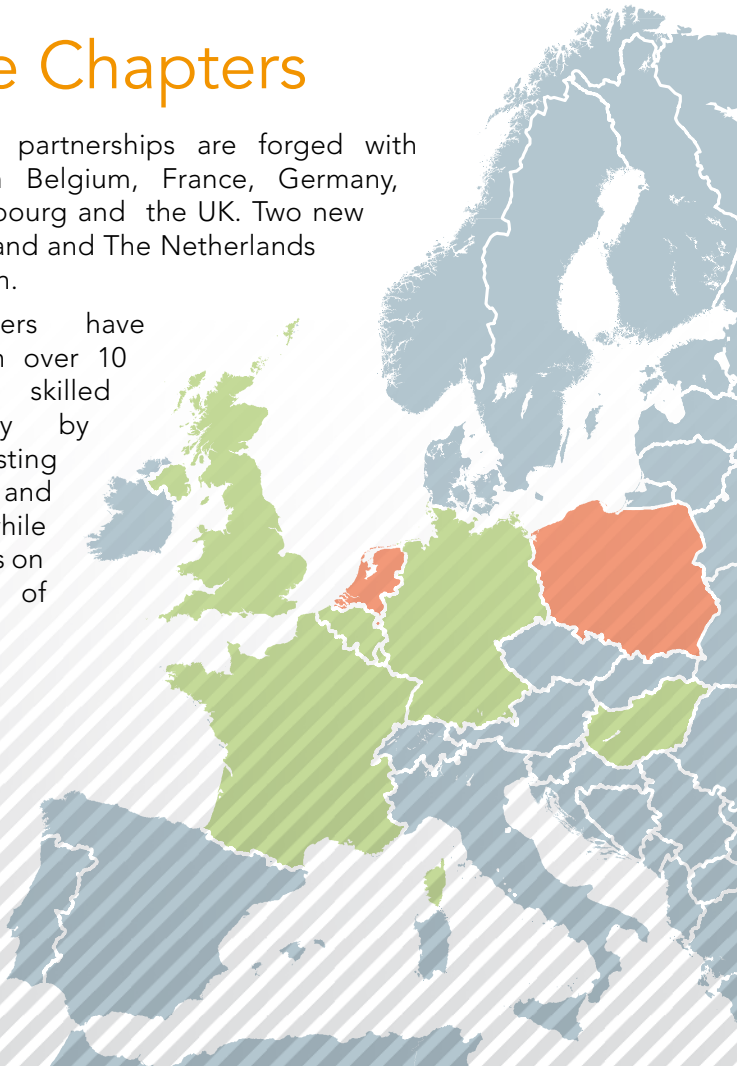
The European Alliance on Skills for Employability supports the EU Growth & Jobs Strategy by working in partnership to help bring information and communication technology skills, competencies, skills training and job placement to 20 million people across Europe by 2010.

It enhances the employability prospects of the young, the disabled, older workers, women (re)-entering the labour market and other unemployed while building the foundations of social inclusion in Europe. Employability is about giving people access to the skills they need to gain and retain a job or transfer to a new job.

Alliance Chapters

Such innovative partnerships are forged with local players in Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg and the UK. Two new partnerships Poland and The Netherlands are in preparation.

Alliance partners have helped to reach over 10 million lower skilled people already by providing self-testing tools, on-line and off-line training while raising awareness on the significance of e-skills.



The Employability Pathway

The Alliance partners and their programmes work at all levels of the employability pathway - from the very low skilled to the more highly skilled ICT users and ICT practitioners. The partners assess the skills needed in the labour market and then proceed in synergy by offering ICT training and certification to target groups who wish to access and/or remain in the labour market. The target is to make people more employable and help them successfully participate in the EU's labour force. The partnership gives tangible support to the Growth and Jobs strategy of the EU.

