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Framework for quality and effective apprenticeships: more inclusive approach needed, target welcome

EUROCHAMBRES has mixed views on the proposal for a Council Recommendation on a "European framework for quality and effective apprenticeships" adopted today by the European Commission.

EUROCHAMBRES supports the aim of the new framework to improve the quality and effectiveness of apprenticeships in Europe. However, EUROCHAMBRES highlights that only a strong partnership between all the key actors involved on the ground in the design, governance and implementation of apprenticeships schemes will allow a successful implementation of the new framework. "Chambers of Commerce and Industry play already a key role in apprenticeship, as both business representatives and as vocational education and training providers and are ready to step up" stated Arnaldo Abruzzini, EUROCHAMBRES' CEO.

EUROCHAMBRES welcomes the quantitative target which sets that at least half of the apprenticeship duration should be carried out in a workplace. "Quality and quantity have to be linked, as there needs to be sufficient scale in order to put in place robust systems to ensure high value apprenticeships for both the employee and employer", argued Arnaldo Abruzzini, EUROCHAMBRES' CEO. EUROCHAMBRES has for several years pushed for an EU level target that 50% of vocational training students should have access to work-based learning, the current figure being only just over 25%.

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