

European Steel Skills Agenda (ESSA)



What's New?

In 2022 the success story of ESSA continued.

The steelHub has been further developed as a central online tool: it includes more training providers and users and the ESSA tools (such as skills assessment, VET matrix, etc.) have now been integrated. Essential progress was made in the national regional rollout activities, with 14 workshops integrating more than 100 additional stakeholders in nine European steel regions.

The ESSA Governance framework is being implemented in a sustainable way to ensure that the Skills Alliance will operate successfully beyond the project duration.

We are thankful for the tremendous support of the ESTEP Focus Group People, which plays an integral role in making the Alliance sustainable. ESSA together with the Skills Alliance for Industrial Symbiosis (SPIRE-SAIS) is a driving partner for establishing a Large Scale Partnership of Energy Intensive Industries under the European Pact for Skills. The Pact for Skills umbrella will moreover make a significant contribution to the sustainability of the ESSA Alliance.

This could only happen thanks to your fruitful and constructive collaboration! The work we have completed together provides a robust foundation for the final phase of the ESSA project and beyond.



In 2023 we will improve our tools and measures, continue with the Blueprint rollout, consolidate the European governance structure, launch the partnership of Energy Intensive Industries under the European Pact for Skills, and contribute to the European Year of Skills 2023 with our final conference 11 of May 2023 in Duisburg (Germany).

The final conference focuses on the steel industry’s triple challenge of a green, digital and social transition, and in this way tackles the industry’s important technological and social innovations.

Again, thanks for your excellent work. We are confident that we are building a strong basis for moving from a project to an ongoing Skills Alliance, counting on your much valued contributions to our common Blueprint, from the steel industry for the steel industry.

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