AGENDA

Information Session - Partnering for Skills: Private Sector Engagement through the European Alliance of Apprenticeships (EAfA)

DATE AND TIME: 13 NOVEMBER 2026, 10:00 - 11:30 TURIN TIME / 11:00 – 12:30 KYIV TIME

REGISTRATION LINK:
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SUMMARY:

The European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA) was launched in 2013. Together with its members, the Alliance is committed to strengthening the supply, quality and attractiveness of apprenticeships, promoting apprentice mobility, and supporting the development of green and digital skills. Since its creation, EAfA members have helped generate more than 5 million apprenticeship opportunities and submitted over 500 pledges from VET providers, social partners, businesses, local authorities and other stakeholders. In 2020, EAfA was renewed to further boost apprenticeships across the EU and contribute to a strong and sustainable supply of high-quality apprenticeship opportunities for young people. The renewed Alliance is built around six key priorities:

- **Committing to quality and effective apprenticeships**, and encouraging Member States and companies to do so, by fostering national apprenticeships coalitions.
- **Incentivising support to SMEs** for providing a stable supply of quality and effective apprenticeships.
- **Mobilising local and regional authorities** as catalysts for apprenticeships within the local business environment.
- **Engaging European sectoral social dialogue committees** in apprenticeships proactively, with a view to agree on joint sectoral pledges.
- **Strengthening social dialogue** through a more active involvement of national social partner organisations.
- **Supporting the representation of apprentices** in Member States by relaunching the European Apprentices Network.

This webinar brings together representatives from the private sector with the objective to familiarise participants with EAfA and the activities of its platform, while showcasing the benefits of becoming a member. The webinar will also provide an opportunity to exchange good practices and insights on apprenticeships through contributions from two companies that are members of the Alliance, from the construction and IT sector.

More broadly, the event will offer a platform for participants to share experiences and achievements in the design, development and delivery of apprenticeship programmes, and to learn from the experiences of other members of the EAfA community.

Time (Kyiv)	Agenda Item
10:00 - 10:10	**Welcome and introduction** Objectives of the meeting and expected outcomes *Iwona Ganko, European Training Foundation* *Iryna Shumik, Ministry of Education and Science, Ukraine*
10:10 - 10:30	**The European Alliance for Apprenticeship and latest developments** *Floriana Folisi, European Training Foundation*
10:30 - 11:20	**Sharing Good Practices: The Voice of Companies** Experiences with apprenticeships and the added value of EAfA from two network members *Mehdi MEHDİZADE, Idromek, TÜRKİYE* *Zoe ELLWOOD, SoftwereOne, SWITZERLAND*
11:20 - 11:30	**Conclusions and next steps** *Floriana Folisi, European Training Foundation*