



**EUROPEAN
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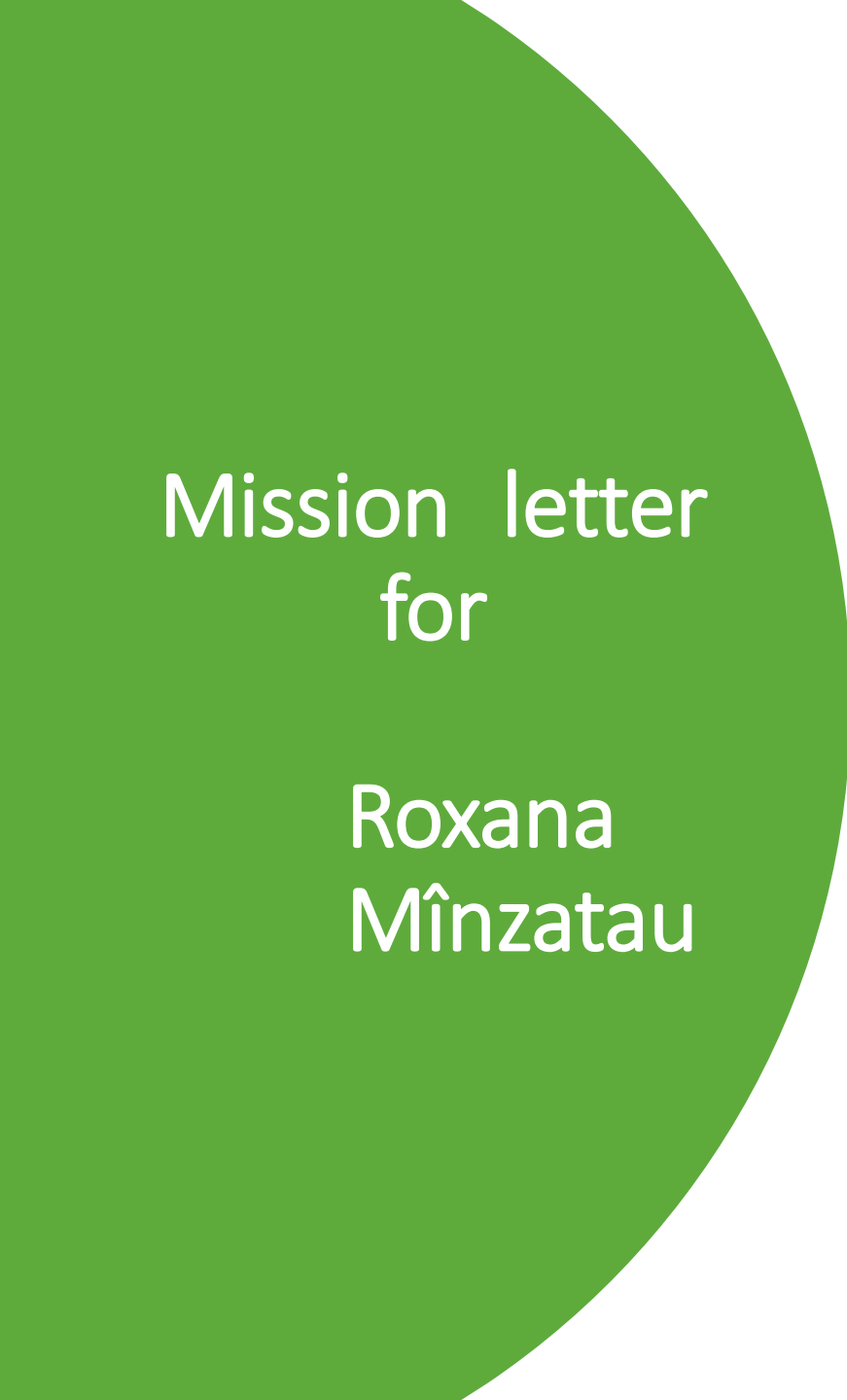
Latest VET policy developments

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Political guidelines - the next European Commission 2024-2029

“Europe’s choice. Political guidelines for the next European Commission 2024-2029”, July 2024

- **European Strategy for VET:** *“It is also important to **give vocational education and training (VET) the prominence it deserves**. It prepares people for work and gives them the skills that companies are looking for. This is why I will propose a **European Strategy for Vocational Education and Training**, notably to boost the number of people with a secondary VET degree.”*
- **Union of Skills:** *A Union of Skills shall contribute to a “radical step change in ambition and action for all skill levels and for all types of training and education, focusing on investment, adult and lifelong learning, skill retention and the recognition of different types of training to enable people to work across our Union”.*
- **Skills Portability Initiative:** *We need to make sure that we benefit from all high-quality skills irrespective of where and how they were acquired. This is why we will put forward a Skills Portability Initiative to ensure a skill acquired in one country is recognized in another.*

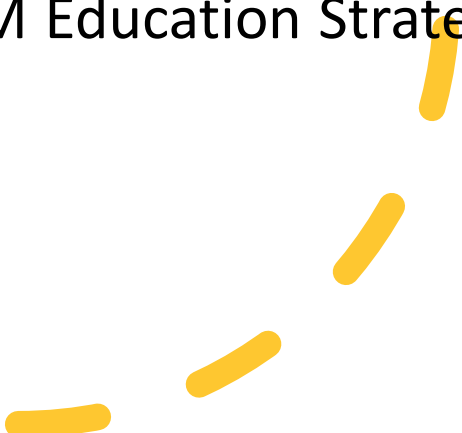


Mission letter
for

Roxana
Mînzatau

Mission letter for Executive Vice-president-designate of the European Commission Roxana Mînzatu, People, Skills and Preparedness

Focus on VET and Skills with a number of deliverables:

- European Education Area with a strengthened Erasmus+
 - European degree, Skills Academies and European Universities Alliances
 - Skills Portability Initiative - scaling up the work on recognition of qualifications.
 - European Strategy for VET
 - Action Plan on Basic Skills and a STEM Education Strategic Plan
 - further developing the Pact for Skills
 - An EU Teachers Agenda
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Executive Vice-president-designate of the European Commission (People, Skills and Preparedness) Roxana Mînzatu

- Strengthening of Vocational Education and Training
- Skills Portability and recognition
- Union of Skills - work with the Member States will be key
- Erasmus+ and EU funding programs as cohesion policy and Recovery and Resilience Facility will be used to support VET

EU VET policy framework I

Council recommendation on VET for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience 2020

- Defines long-term vision and key principles for VET
- Defines 3 quantitative objectives to be achieved by 2025:
 - The share of employed graduates should be at least 82%;
 - 60 % of recent graduates benefit from exposure to work-based learning;
 - 8 % of all learners in VET benefit from a learning mobility abroad. Increased to 12 % by 2030 in March 2024.

Osnabrück Declaration on Vocational Education and training, 2020

- Sets out policy actions at national and EU level for 2021-2025 - supports and complements VET Recommendation.
- Endorsed by all relevant VET stakeholders
- Expires end 2025.

National Implementation Plans

- Implementation of the Recommendation and the Declaration at national levels.

EU VET policy framework II

Preparation of a 2025 Declaration

- September 2025 : The Danish presidency will host an Informal Ministerial meeting for VET to endorse a successor to the Osnabrück Declaration.
- The Bureau of the *Advisory Committee for Vocational Training* (ACVT) will draft the text in close cooperation with the ACVT and the *Directors-General for Vocational Training* (DGVN).
- Focus on continuity and stability – including addressing gaps in implementation, building on the priorities laid down in the Osnabrück Declaration.
- Giving a new impetus and visibility to VET reforms, taking account of a limited number of relevant recent developments.

Thank you!

