



## Eurostat page on Skills

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In a fast-changing knowledge-based economy, skills are a pathway to employability and thus, among the policy priorities of the European Commission. In the context of the '[New Skills for New Job](#)' initiative, the objectives related to skills focus on the following actions:

- Better promotion of the anticipation of future skill needs;
- Better development of the matching between skills and labour market needs;
- Bridging the gap between education and work.

In 2016, the 'Technical Group on Statistics for Skills and Human Capital' was set up and given the mandate to create a report proposing a roadmap for the development of skills and statistics within the [European Statistical System \(ESS\)](#).

The group, chaired by Eurostat, includes experts from several European Commission departments, such as the Directorate-General for 'Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion', the Directorate-General for 'Education and Culture', the Directorate-General for 'Communications Networks, Content and Technology', and the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training. This group has developed a conceptual framework on how to approach the area of skills-related statistics which originate from multiple data sources within the ESS. More details about this framework is available in the report '[Statistical approaches to the measurement of skills - The state of play in Europe within the European Statistical System](#)'.

With regards to economic policy, different dimensions have been identified for the measurement of skills:

- Skills supply: existing skills of people in the labour force;
- Skills demand: skills demanded by employers;
- Skills development: such as enrolments and on-the-job trainings, and
- Skills mismatch: the gap between demand and supply of skills.

Currently, no official statistics and indicators for measuring skills mismatch within the ESS exist, but some experimental statistics which were developed by Eurostat are available in this section.

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