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The guide is intended specifically for countries which are starting to develop systems of skill needs anticipation. It provides information for sponsors and implementers of skill needs anticipation initiatives, such as policy-makers, education and training providers, public employment services, social partners and research and specialist organisations.