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### Technical report

The 2018 technical report accompanies the release of the **2018 version of the European Skills Index (ESI)** developed by Cedefop. The methodological decisions made in constructing the index have implications for the interpretation and understanding of the results. The first part of this report outlines the scope, structure and results of the Index. The second part of the report discusses the analysis motivating some of the methodological decisions made in constructing the Index. The 2018 European Skills Index updates and refines the work undertaken for the *Making Skills Work Index*, published in 2016. The new Index builds on subsequent technical discussions with the European Commission Competence Centre on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards, experts in composite indices, and national stakeholders. As a result of those discussions and further statistical analysis, the Index underwent notable changes.

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### JRC Statistical Audit

The 2018 statistical audit was performed by the European Commission's Competence Centre on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards at the **Joint Research Centre (JRC)** and was conducted upon invitation of Cedefop. The analysis therein aims at shedding light on the transparency and reliability of the ESI model and thus to enable policymakers to derive more accurate and meaningful conclusions, and to potentially guide their choices on priority setting and policy formulation.

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### Country Fiches

The **Country Fiches** summarise five key dimensions for each one of the indicators used for building the European Skills Index. In particular, every Country Fiche shows for each of the indicators:

- **The rank.** This is the position of the country regarding the indicator in question out of the 28 Member States
- **The score.** This is the ESI score of the country regarding the indicator in question using the 0-100 scale.
- **The value.** This is the actual value of the original indicator before its transformation.
- **The best value.** This is the “frontier”, i.e. the best value achieved by any country over a period of seven years

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