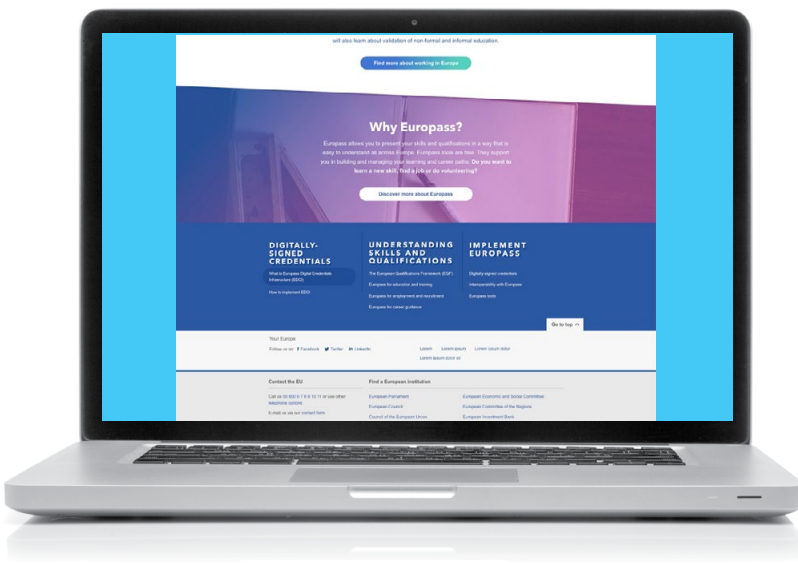


Building the new Europass



In Guidance Matters we refer as often as possible to the links between policy and practice at national and EU level for the development and delivery of quality lifelong guidance provision. Currently Member States are working closely with the EU Commission on the development of the new ‘Europass’ platform.



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The European Council **New Europass Decision 2018**, provides an agreed EU level framework to support the transparency and understanding of skills and qualifications acquired in formal, non-formal and informal settings and the development of a new online platform with web-based tools and relevant information for learners, workers and job-seekers across the EU to manage their careers and studies.

The new Europass will include:

- the Europass e-Portfolio which is an online tool for users to describe their skills, find interesting job and learning opportunities, to manage their applications, and create CVs and cover letters
- information on working, learning or training in different EU countries
- digital credentials with free tools and software for institutions to issue digital, tamper-proof qualifications and other learning credentials
- interoperability, where Europass will connect with employment and learning services to allow users connect and make applications.

The new **Europass** platform is scheduled for EU launch in **May 2020**.

As national representatives in the **Europass Advisory Group (EAG)**, **QQI**, as hosts of **Europass Ireland** and **NCGE** as hosts of **Euroguidance Ireland** are working closely with the EU Commission and our European colleagues and partners to provide regular feedback on the ongoing design, content and general developments of the new Europass.

As our role in Euroguidance Ireland is to encourage Guidance Counsellors to develop their own mobility guidance counselling skills and to support young people and adults to consider learning opportunities across the EU, the development of this new Europass platform will enhance our own service and support mobility as a viable option for all!

For more information on the new Europass check out the links below. You can also find out more by reading the ‘Euroguidance Network Meeting’ article in this issue.

European Commission updates

<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/europass/new-europass>

Information on Europass from Euroguidance Ireland

<https://euroguidance.ie/europass-decision-update>

Information on Europass from QQI

<https://www.qqi.ie/Articles/Pages/Europass.aspx>

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