

PRESS RELEASE

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“The skills we need for the Europe we want”

OBESSU Position Paper on the European Year of Skills

On the **9th of May - Europe Day**, the European Commission will celebrate the official start of the **European Year of Skills**.

The **Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU)** welcomes this initiative, as it is a unique **opportunity to change the paradigm around skills and turn it into a holistic vision of lifelong learning** that allows learners to thrive in all aspects of their lives, benefitting their community, wider society and the economy.

OBESSU also sees the **European Year of Skills** being used as a chance for the **European Institutions to engage with different stakeholders in the field of education and training**, bringing their valuable perspectives to the discussion on competences for lifelong learning.

On the occasion of the celebrations planned for the 9th of May, OBESSU wishes to share the **Position Paper on the European Year of Skills** titled “**The skills we need for the Europe we want**”.

OBESSU believes, as outlined in the Position Paper, that there are a lot of issues to be address and a lot of actions to be taken as part of this process. The Paper outlines what should be taken onboard as the process moves forward, **to meaningfully engage with all European and national institutions towards building the skills we need for the Europe we want**.

Read the full [OBESSU Position Paper on the European Year of Skills](#)

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About OBESSU

The [Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions \(OBESSU\)](#), represents school students in Europe since 1975 and has ever since been advocating for participatory, inclusive and quality education for all.

