

European Pact for Youth - Leaders' Meeting on Entrepreneurial and Creativity Skills

Brussels, 12 July 2017
Ginestestraat 3, 1210 Brussels (Crowne Plaza Hotel)

A unique convergence in leadership

European Commissioner Marianne Thyssen and Viscount Etienne Davignon are convening the third Leaders' Meeting of the European Pact for Youth, in Brussels on 12 July 2017. The meeting will take place less than half a year ahead of the European Enterprise-Education Summit. Once more, European Commissioner Tibor Navracsics will attend. This meeting will focus on a proposal to mainstream entrepreneurial and soft skills in learning. This is aligned with the European Commission's New EU Skills Agenda as well as their recent Investing in Youth initiative that both propose to further support entrepreneurial mind-sets. Today, over 100 leading companies, organisations and networks that have a collective reach to thousands of enterprises, schools and young people, are leveraging each other's efforts and capacities (see also the [2015-2016 progress review](#)). As such, the Pact offers leaders the platform to make strong and combined impact across the EU.

The situation

Both the Pact and the European Commission's New EU Skills Agenda and Investing in Youth initiatives express an urgency to act, addressing various challenges. Through the changing world of work and the digitalisation of our societies, new skills are needed, including entrepreneurial skills. Business-education partnerships bridge the worlds of education and work, and are needed to equip youth with a smart mix of skills, basic (numeracy, literacy, digital), soft and transversal skills (entrepreneurial, communication, leadership, interpersonal skills etc.) and hard skills (engineering, science, technology, mathematics, arts, history etc.) to meet the demands of the European labour market. In other words: all the skills and activities needed to prepare young people for quality jobs and active citizenship in the global economy, internet of things, rapid demographic change and the circular economy. Such business-education partnerships therefore have a key role to play also in mainstreaming entrepreneurial and soft skills in curricula.

Third Leaders' Meeting, Brussels 12 July 2017

The objectives of the third meeting are:

1. To review overall progress
2. To discuss and endorse a Joint Proposal "Mainstreaming Entrepreneurship in Learning"

In order to allow Pact Leaders to also connect directly with youth, the meeting takes place in the wider frame of the Entrepreneurship Education Summit, organised by JA Europe. Consequently, participants will also be able to engage directly with youth to see what entrepreneurial projects they have launched. Pact partners can expect to receive a separate invitation by the organisers of the two-day Summit. Especially relevant to the European Pact for Youth meeting, is a Stand Exhibition Opening, featuring the youth just before our meeting (from 14:30 – 16:00).

Ultimately, Leaders will present the achievements and Joint Proposals of the Pact at the 1st European Enterprise-Education Summit on 23 November 2017.

Agenda

Time	Agenda
13:45	Launch of the Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning at JA Europe's Entrepreneurship Education Summit
14:30	JA Company of the Year Competition Official Opening*
15:00	Stand Exhibition: youth presenting their entrepreneurship projects*
16:00	Leaders' meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome address by the Pact co-chairs: Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility and Etienne Davignon, Minister of State and President of CSR Europe • Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport • Progress on the European Pact for Youth so far • Discussion on Joint Proposal "Mainstreaming Entrepreneurship in Learning" • Report on progress in organising the Enterprise-Education Summit, 23 November 2017 • Conclusions
17:50	European Pact for Youth photo opportunity
18:00	End Leaders' Meeting

About the Pact

Launched in November 2015, the European Pact for Youth is a mutual engagement of business leaders and the EU to create a culture of business-education partnerships to support youth employability and inclusion. Together we will support the creation of 10,000 quality business-education partnerships, with the shared target to establish together at least 100,000 new good quality apprenticeships, traineeships or entry-level jobs. In the Pact, a group of Leaders will meet three times to focus the discussion on joint proposals on the following three priorities: how to accelerate the business-education partnerships to support (1) youth transition to jobs, (2) the learning and practice of key competencies, and (3) the mainstreaming of entrepreneurial skills in learning. So far, the leaders of the Pact have endorsed:

- [A first Joint Proposal: "Making VET/Apprenticeships and Equal Choice for Youth"](#)

- [A second Joint Proposal: "Making Business-Education Partnerships the New Norm across Europe"](#)

*** Located in front of the hotel at Place Rogier, participants can see youth in action. Students from across Europe of JA mini-companies will form an expo and present their entrepreneurial projects.**