Establishing Pact for Skills Regional Partnerships

Through the Pact for Skills, a flagship action of the European Skills Agenda, the European Commission is supporting the development of regional skills partnerships. Skills partnerships are multi-stakeholder collaborations that work to create upskilling and reskilling opportunities for people of working age in a region, also including skills partnerships at local level and Macro regions that include collaborations between regions in multiple EU member states with a shared geographical or economic proximity or relationship.

Support available for regional skills partnerships

The Pact for Skills Support Services provides direct support to existing or potential regional skills partnerships to develop their activities, engage stakeholders, and raise awareness of the regional partnership and its impact. Support is tailored to the needs of the partnership and its members, and can include the following activities:

- Advising on developing a common statement of commitments as part of the Pact for Skills.
- Identifying opportunities for synergies between the partnerships activities and funding schemes with a European or regional dimension.
- Providing opportunities to enhance the visibility of the partnership and its activities and members at a European level through the Pact for Skills Support Services.
- Providing opportunities to engage with European and national policymakers on the regional dimension of skills and economic development or with other Pact members working in the same region or with related priorities and aims.
- Providing guidance on how to run the partnership with a Partnership Handbook, tools and templates.
**How to express your interest**

The Pact Support Services can provide support to existing regional groupings or initiatives or to yet to be established partnerships that wish to:

- Articulate shared commitments to the delivery of up-skilling and re-skilling opportunities in line with local and regional skills and economic needs.
- Bring together relevant stakeholders at regional or local level, including employers (both large and small), education and training providers, social partners, chambers of commerce, public bodies and agencies, regional representative forums as well as other relevant organisations.
- Create opportunities for member organisations to maximise their impact by building synergies and collaborative up- and re-skilling efforts.

**How to contact us**

Interested organisations in forming or joining a regional partnership can reach our team via email, at PactforSkillsPartnerships@ecorys.com. The Pact Support Services team will then assess interest and set up follow up meeting with interested regional partnership coordinators to examine potential support options.

More information about the Pact for Skills and the support provided to members can be found at pact-for-skills.ec.europa.eu.

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Mobilise your region for skills!

For further information, please email: PactforSkillsPartnerships@ecorys.com