

EUROPEAN ALLIANCE FOR APPRENTICESHIPS

MEMBER STATES – PLANNED REFORMS/INITIATIVES

Considering the Council Declaration¹ on the European Alliance for Apprenticeships of 15 October 2013, **Denmark** will undertake the following measures to increase the quality, supply and attractiveness of apprenticeships.

Main objective

The Danish VET-system is of utmost importance for securing highly qualified and skilled workers and for creating growth and new jobs. However, the VET-system is also facing challenges.

The Danish government is therefore preparing an ambitious reform in order to improve attractiveness and quality in the Danish apprenticeship- based VET-system. The overall aim is that at least 25% of a youth cohort by 2020 will choose a VET-programme. The target for 2025 is set at 30%. The reform initiative will, in a European context, strongly feed into the enhanced cooperation within the Copenhagen Process and support the implementation of the European Alliance for Apprenticeships.

Description

In October 2013, the Danish Government launched the proposal 'Skilled for the future — better and more attractive vocational education and training programmes'.

The proposal includes four clear objectives:

- 1) Vocational education and training programmes are to be an attractive first choice for more young people.
- 2) More young people are to complete a vocational education and training programme.
- 3) Students at vocational education and training colleges are to become as competent as possible.
- 4) Trust in and well- being at vocational education and training colleges must be strengthened.

The reform proposal is currently being negotiated with members of parliament and is expected to be implemented during 2014 and 2015

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¹ http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/lsa/139011.pdf