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“The OECD Centre for Skills is helping to ensure that individuals and countries have the skills to thrive in an increasingly complex, interconnected and rapidly changing world.”

OECD Centre for Skills

The **OECD Centre for Skills (SKC)** helps countries to develop relevant skills, make effective use of those skills, as well as strengthen the governance of their skills systems through its work in three areas: national skills strategies, vocational education and training and adult learning, and skills analysis.

National skills strategies

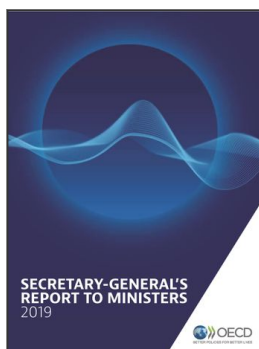
In 2018, the National Skills Strategy team completed a Skills Strategy Assessment and Recommendations project in Flanders as well as Skills Strategy Implementation Guidance projects in Portugal and Slovenia. In 2019, the Centre will launch the updated 2019 *OECD Skills Strategy*, which builds on lessons learned in 11 countries and new evidence on the implications of so-called megatrends and skills policies that work.

Vocational education and training (VET) and adult learning

In 2018, *Seven Questions about Apprenticeships* analysed the role of work-based learning within vocational education. The study draws on global practice to highlight the key principles informing effective apprenticeship design. In 2019, SKC will publish the results of a major review of how national VET systems can best unlock the potential of migrants.

Skills analysis

In 2018, the *Skills Outlook* focused on skills and digitalisation. It examined how the digitalisation of economies and societies changes the skills people need and the way they can use them effectively, as well as how technology can contribute to the development of skills and how skills-related policies can shape the outcomes of digital transformation. In 2019, the team will focus on how countries can address skills development across the life course through effective lifelong learning policies. ■



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