



# Questionnaire on the trainings for mapping to ESCO or replacing the national, regional and sectoral classifications with ESCO according to the EURES Regulation EU 2016/589

## Background

According to Article 19 of the new EURES Regulation<sup>1</sup> and for the purpose of automated matching through the common EURES IT platform, Member States shall map its national, regional and sectoral occupational and skills classifications (NOCs/NSCs) to and from the European classification of Skills/Competences, Qualifications and Occupations (ESCO)<sup>2</sup>. Alternatively, Member States may choose to replace<sup>3</sup> their national, regional and sectoral classifications with ESCO.

Article 19 also indicates that the Commission shall provide technical assistance to Member States for these operations. This technical assistance can take different forms:

- An implementation manual explaining how ESCO can be implemented for the EURES Regulation, which can be used as a step-by-step guide for mapping NOCs and NSCs to ESCO or replacing them with ESCO.
- A central European IT platform that allows Member States to create, update and manage different versions of mappings, and publish correspondence tables (mappings) – free of charge<sup>4</sup>.
- A user manual of the mapping management platform<sup>5</sup> providing a guide to the platform, explaining the functionalities of the interface and including instructions on how to use it.
- Training webinars explaining the process of mapping to/from ESCO or adopting ESCO, provided by a team of taxonomists and IT specialists.
- A central European contact point (helpdesk) to clarify difficult/ambiguous cases composed of a team of experts who reply to enquiries received by the mappers.

## Purpose of the questionnaire

The aim of the current questionnaire is to allow the Commission services get an understanding of the **main technical challenges** that Member States may face when mapping to ESCO or when replacing their national, regional and sectoral classifications with ESCO. This understanding should allow for an **optimal organization** of training webinars targeted to those experts in the Member States who will implement these operations. It should also allow the creation of **appropriate training material**

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/589 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 April 2016 on a European network of employment services (EURES), workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets, and amending Regulations (EU) No 492/2011 and (EU) No 1296/2013 (Text with EEA relevance).

<sup>2</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/esco/portal/home>.

<sup>3</sup> Replacing can take two forms: i) those Member States that have a classification of occupations and/or skills may choose to replace it with ESCO or ii) those Member States that do not have a classification of occupations and/or skills may choose to integrate ESCO into their systems.

<sup>4</sup> The platform allows concepts from one classification to be manually mapped to concepts from another. It includes advanced search options, automatic mapping suggestions and a user-friendly interface.

<sup>5</sup> This document will soon be available at the ESCO portal in the Escopedia:

[https://ec.europa.eu/esco/portal/escopedia/Main\\_Page](https://ec.europa.eu/esco/portal/escopedia/Main_Page).

addressing the technical needs of the Member States. We would kindly ask for a reply to this questionnaire by **5 November 2018**.

## Questions

### 1. Question related to the classification(s) of the Member States

What classification(s) have you included in the inventory foreseen by Art.19 §3 of the EURES Regulation? Please include occupational and/or skill classifications at national, regional and/or sectoral level.

### 2. Question related to the implementing options

Have you decided which implementing option you will use (mapping, replacement, integration)?

### 3. Questions related to the implementing option of mapping to ESCO

- a. Will you map to the full ESCO classification, the ESCO occupations pillar and/or the ESCO skills pillar? Please indicate whether the classification(s) you will map are national, regional and/or sectoral.
- b. **If you have started mapping**, please clarify the following:
  - i. Are you using the ESCO draft Implementation manual published on the ESCO portal? Please indicate those sections (if any) which are not clear enough. What other topics would you like the document to cover that are missing from the current version (if any)?
  - ii. How and where are you recording the mapping relations?
  - iii. Are you using a technical solution other than the central European IT platform which is to be provided by the Commission services? If yes, could you please indicate which one?
  - iv. What are the technical challenges you are facing during the process of mapping?
  - v. What is the timeline for concluding your work?

- c. **If you have not yet started mapping**, please clarify the following:
- i. Will you use the ESCO draft Implementation manual published on the ESCO portal? Please indicate those sections (if any) which are not clear enough. What other topics would you like the document to cover that are missing from the current version (if any)?
  - ii. How and where will you record the mapping relations?
  - iii. Are you intending to use a technical solution other than the central European IT platform which is to be provided by the Commission services? If yes, could you please indicate which one?
  - iv. What are the technical challenges you are expecting to face during the process of mapping?
  - v. What is the timeline for completing your work?
- d. What technical topics would you like to address at the training webinar?

#### **4. Questions related to the implementing option of replacement with ESCO**

- a. Will you replace your occupational and/or skill classification(s) with the full ESCO classification, the ESCO occupations pillar and/or the ESCO skills pillar? Please indicate whether the classifications you will replace are national, regional and/or sectoral.
- b. Have you already replaced your classification(s) with ESCO or are you in the process of doing so?
- c. **If yes**, please clarify the following:

- i. Did you use the ESCO draft Implementation manual published on the ESCO portal? Please indicate those sections (if any) which are not clear enough. What other topics would you like the document to cover that are missing from the current version (if any)?
  - ii. What were the technical challenges you were faced with during the process of replacement?
  - iii. What was/is the timeline for concluding your work?
- d. **If no**, please clarify the following:
- i. Will you use the ESCO draft Implementation manual published on the ESCO portal? Please indicate those sections (if any) which are not clear enough. What other topics would you like the document to cover that are missing from the current version (if any)?
  - ii. What are the technical challenges you are expecting to face during the process of replacement?
  - iii. What is the timeline for completing your work?
- e. What technical topics would you like to address at the training webinar?

## **5. Questions related to the implementing option of integration of ESCO (this question addresses Member States which have neither an occupational nor a skill classification)**

- a. Will you integrate into your system the full ESCO classification, the ESCO occupations pillar and/or the ESCO skills pillar? Please indicate whether the integration will take place at national, regional and/or sectoral level.
- b. Have you already integrated ESCO or are you in the process?
- c. **If yes**, please clarify the following:
  - i. Did you use the ESCO draft Implementation manual published on the ESCO portal? Please indicate those sections (if any) which are not clear enough. What other topics would you like the document to cover that are missing from the current version (if any)?
  - ii. What were the technical challenges you were faced with during the process of integration?
  - iii. What was/is the timeline for concluding your work?
- d. **If no**, please clarify the following:
  - i. Will you use the ESCO draft Implementation manual published on the ESCO portal? Please indicate those sections (if any) which are not clear enough. What other topics would you like the document to cover that are missing from the current version (if any)?

- ii. What are the technical challenges you are expecting to face with during the process of integration?
- iii. What is the timeline for completing your work?
- e. What technical topics would you like to address at the training webinar?