



State of play of the Implementing Acts and technical support for mapping

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Purpose of the document

The purpose of the document is to inform the members of the ESCO Maintenance Committee on the state of play of the ESCO related Implementing Acts according to article 19 (2) and (6) of the EURES Regulation¹, and to provide them with an overview of the technical support available to Member States for complying with the Regulation.

State of play of the Implementing Acts

The internal consultation among the different Commission services on the two Implementing Acts referred above has been finalised. The two documents will soon be published at the Commission's "Better Regulation" portal. Once published there will be a public consultation for two weeks. The updated versions of the Acts (after the public consultation) will be presented at the EURES Committee meeting on 14 June 2018, where Member States will give their opinions on them. An update on the outcomes of this meeting will be provided to the MSWG during the webinar on 18 June.

Technical support available

According to art. 19 (5) of the EURES Regulation the Commission will provide Member States with technical support. This will include mapping platform, an implementation manual, a helpdesk, country visits and a series of trainings to support them through the process of mapping to ESCO or replacing their national classification with ESCO.

Mapping platform

The mapping platform is a central European IT platform that will allow Member States to create, update and manage different versions of mappings and to publish correspondence tables. The platform serves as an enabling infrastructure to map other classifications to ESCO. In particular, it allows to manually map the concepts from one classification to concepts of another one. It is supported by advanced search options, automatic mapping suggestions and a user-friendly interface.

The first version of the mapping platform will be available by mid-June 2018 and will be free of charge. Additional functionality will be added to the platform throughout the second half of 2018. User documentation explaining the functionalities of the mapping interface and instructions on how to use it will also be provided.

ESCO Implementation manual

The ESCO implementation manual will explain how Member States can comply with article 19 of the EURES regulation, either by mapping their national, regional and

¹ <https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/a311abfd-0857-11e6-b713-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>

sectoral classification(s) to ESCO or by replacing their classification(s) with ESCO. It is a step-by-step guide providing suggestions for mapping national, regional and/or sectoral classifications to ESCO or replacing them with ESCO. The 40 pages document will contain a methodology, examples of practical cases accompanied by illustrations, recommendations on how to manage a mapping project and establish mapping relations and information on how to access the API, among others. Annex I shows a mature draft of this manual.

Once finalised, the document will be published on the ESCO Portal (expected mid-2018).

Helpdesk

A central European contact point (helpdesk) will be made available to address potential issues: it will be composed of a team of experts who will reply to the inquiries received by the implementers. Any doubt, request for advice or technical support can be submitted to the following email address: EMPL-ESCO-SECRETARIAT@ec.europa.eu

Trainings

The Commission will offer trainings to Member States. These will be provided in the form of webinars, with a limited number of participants in order to ease the exchanges (around 15 participants per session). If the amount of participants registered is higher, another training session on the same topic will be organised the same day.

For the moment, two trainings are foreseen in November 2018:

- A training on how to adopt ESCO
- A training on how to map to ESCO

The trainings will last two hours and will provide the participants with all the technical information needed to comply with the requirements of the EURES Regulation. A Q&A session will also be foreseen.

The Commission invites Member States to express their interest by the end of June 2018, so the Commission can plan the training sessions needed and prepare the content.

Member States can attend one or both trainings, in case they want to know more about both processes (mapping and replacement) before taking the decision either to map or replace their classification(s) with ESCO.

More trainings will be scheduled in 2019 (February, tbc) for Member States that want to start the implementation at a later stage.

Country visits and teleconferences

In case of need for targeted support by Member States, the Commission can organise country visits of 1 or 2 days and/or teleconferences with the ESCO technical team. These visits and/or teleconferences will be organised upon request.

Skills mapping pilot report

Between January and April 2018 the Commission conducted a skills mapping pilot project, together with the public employment services of Austria and Sweden, to test the creation of mapping relations between national skill classification systems and ESCO. A report outlining the content, procedure and findings of the project has been uploaded at the ESCO portal. Member States can use this report during their skills mapping processes.

