

Learning by Leaving Conference 2020 – Table Discussions

Table 7 EU web tools supporting asylum seekeers and refugees training and job insertion

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Outline:

"EU skills profile tool for Third Country Nationals" (TCNs) is addressed to an early recognition of prior life and work experiences of asylum seekers/refugees and TCNs. It is intended for use by any organisation or service that may be offering assistance to TCNs and aims to get to know individuals, their **skills and experiences** and provide recommendations on next steps.

During the table, the the EU skills profile tool was briefly presented (https://ec.europa.eu/migrantskills/#/), and it was discusseed how this mapping tool could be linked to the new Europass platform to better manage migrants' work experience, education and training.

Discussion Notes:

- Question to be discussed: how can we create synergies between the EU skills profile tool and the new Europass portal?
- Advantage of the tool: it makes migrant skills visible, offers advice and training for organisations
- Features of the tool: multilingual online tool, used by national authorities and services; can be a common basis for mapping skills (not an assessment of skills); displays general information, contact information, migration information but is also a person's expectations and skills identification (this is the core of the tool). Includes a final personal dossier. Tool complies to European Data Protection Regulation.
- This mapping tool was designed for advisors and can help us in our daily work. At the same time, the Europass Portal launch takes place now. So the interesting question is: How can we combine these tools? Do we see any synergies between them?
- Experience of Europass/Euroguidance Italy with testing the tool: no sections are compulsory; beneficiaries appreciated the tool a lot (being able to display their skills and qualification); COM suggests that around 45 min are requested to fill in the tool (however, own experience: 4-5 sessions are needed) The final dossier is very helpful to save in case beneficiary is geographically moving.
 - The tool allows a very detailed picture of beneficiary, at the same time it is time consuming to fill it out.





Recommendations:

- Such tool will be highly beneficial to be part of the Europass website. The fact that it seems to lack popularity is hindering its impact. Strongly suggest for more visibility.
- A link to the Tool and a short description should be included in the section of the new Europass portal on services for stakeholders.









