

Developments in EU tourism matters

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Our mandate

The EU's competence in the tourism field is one of **support**, **coordination or supplement of the actions of the Member States**, like for industry, culture, education, VET, youth and sport, etc.

Art. 195 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU provides a specific legal basis for EU actions in the field of tourism to

- (a) encourage creation of a favourable environment for development of undertakings in this sector
- (b) promote intra-EU cooperation, mainly by exchange of good practice.

The main objectives of the Commission are to:

- Enhance the competitiveness of the European tourism sector, by fostering favourable conditions for tourism to grow in a competitive, sustainable and responsible manner
- Increase the potential of tourism to contribute to sustainable growth and jobs in Europe
- Allow Europe to keep its position as the world's leader destination.





What it means in practice

EUROPE 2020 and strategy set out in EC's 2010 Communication "**Europe, the world's no. 1 tourist destination** – a new political framework for tourism in Europe", pre-determine focus of our actions:

- increasing tourism demand;
- improving the tourism offer;
- <u>enhancing tourism quality, sustainability, accessibility, skills and ICT use</u>;
- enhancing the socio-economic knowledge base of the sector;
- promoting Europe as a unique destination;
- mainstreaming tourism in other EU tourism policies...





Developments in tourism matters

- EURES Skills passport for hospitality and tourism
- Virtual Tourism Observatory
 http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/vto/
- Tourism Business Portal

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/tourism-businessportal/index en.htm

- TourismLink
- Webinars on digitalisation of tourism
- Study to map the skills nneds to improve accessibility (June 2014)
- Study to map performance of education anf training for tourism (launched in August 2014)





EURES Tourism and Hospitality Skills Passport



Skills passport on EURES

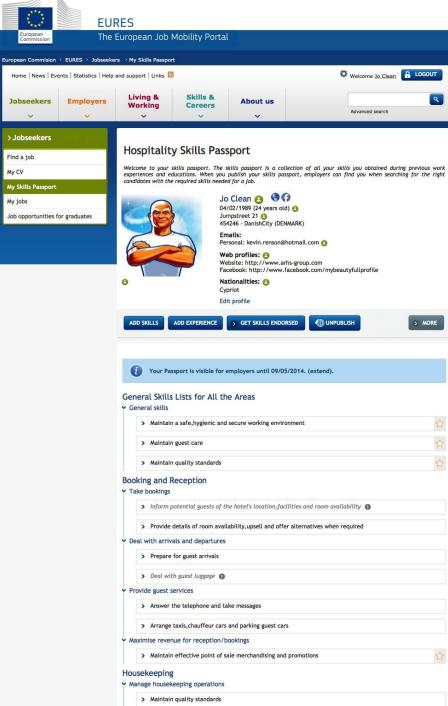
The European Job Mobility Portal enables jobseekers to generate **sectoral skills passport for hospitality and tourism**

- Record of skills and competences acquired via formal and informal training as well as on the job
 - Annex to CV, linked to previous experience
 - Can be endorsed by previous employers or via diplomas
- Based on skills lists developed for cultural, adventure and blue tourism (marine and maritime).



Jobseeker





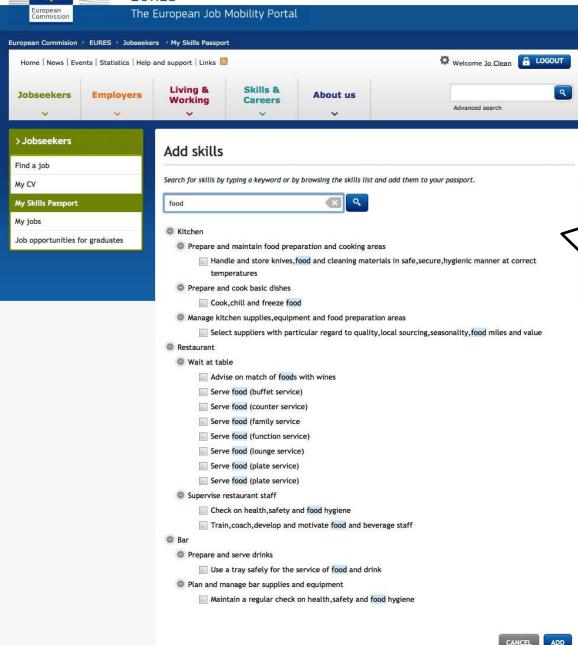
Jobseekers main screen

The sectoral skills passport is presented as a list of all the skills that the jobseeker has obtained within a specific sector





ADD SKILLS



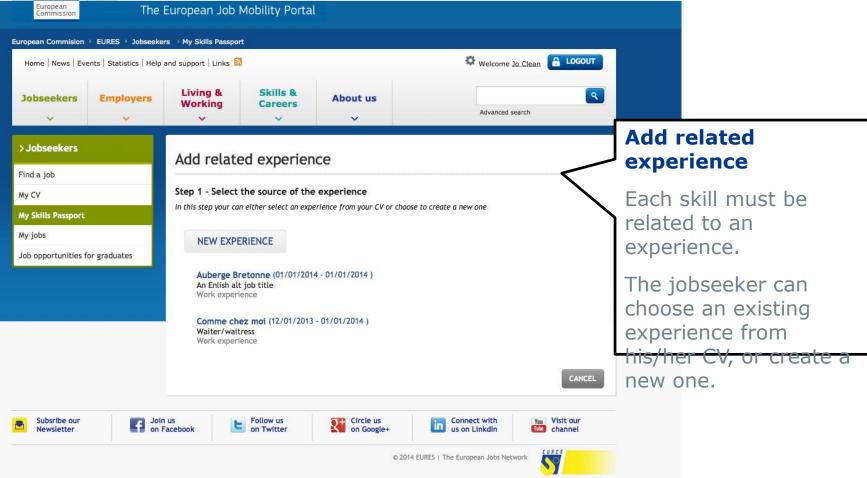
Add skills

To add new skills to a skills passport, the jobseeker can browse through the tree-structure of skills.

Alternatively, he/she can use the keyword search to find certain skills.

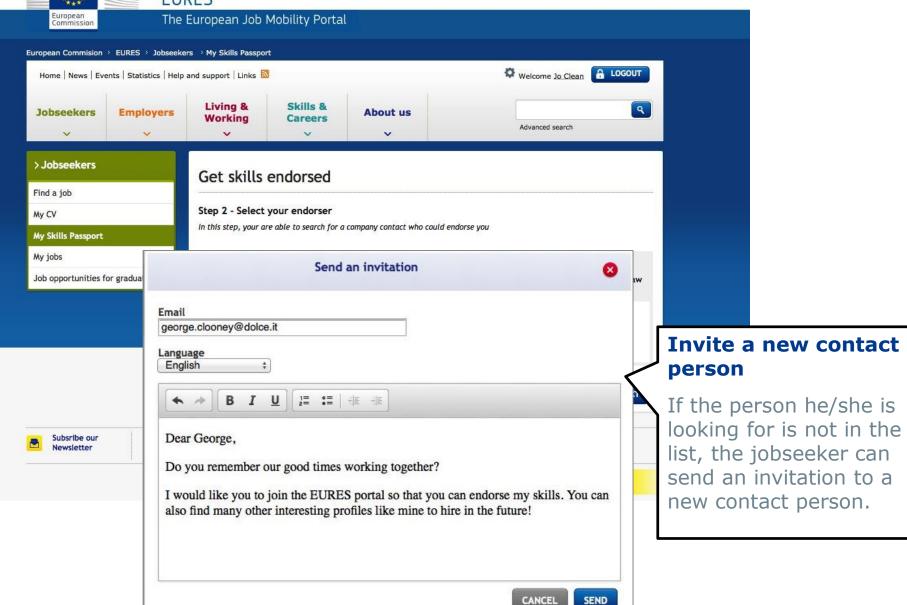


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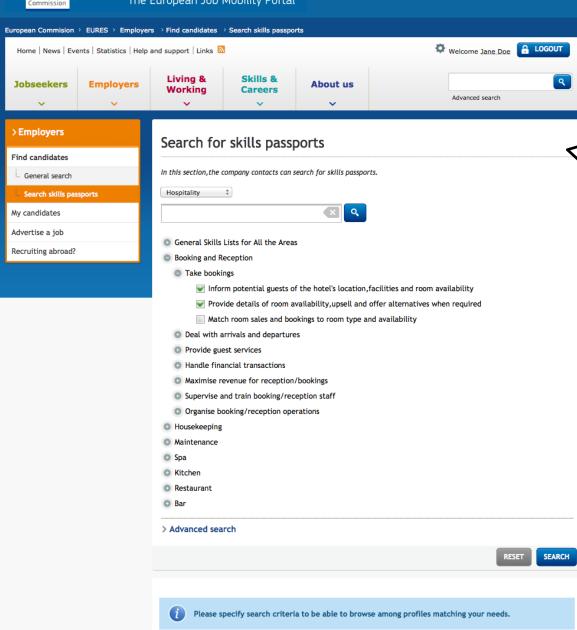


Employer



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The European Job Mobility Portal

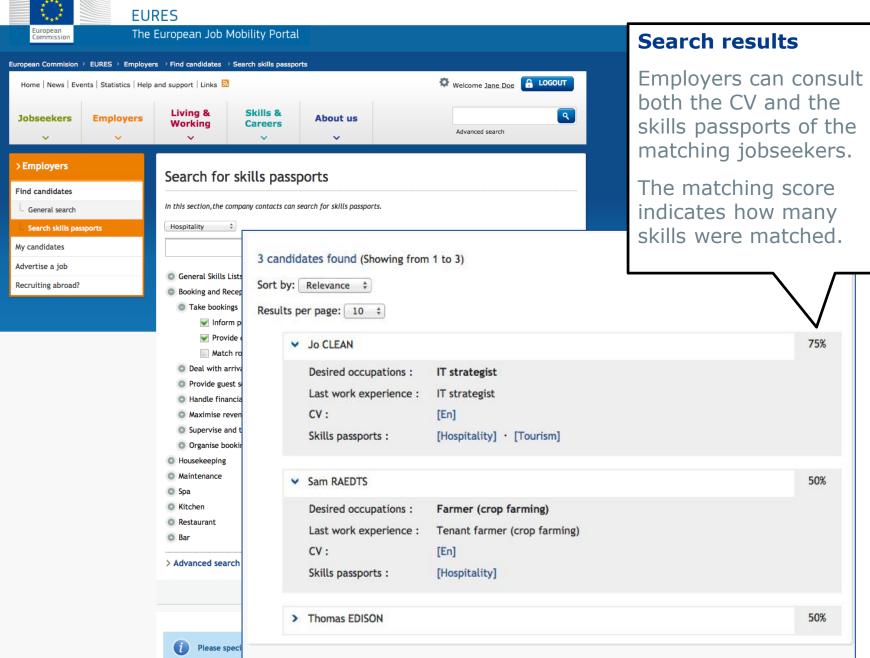


Search for skills passports

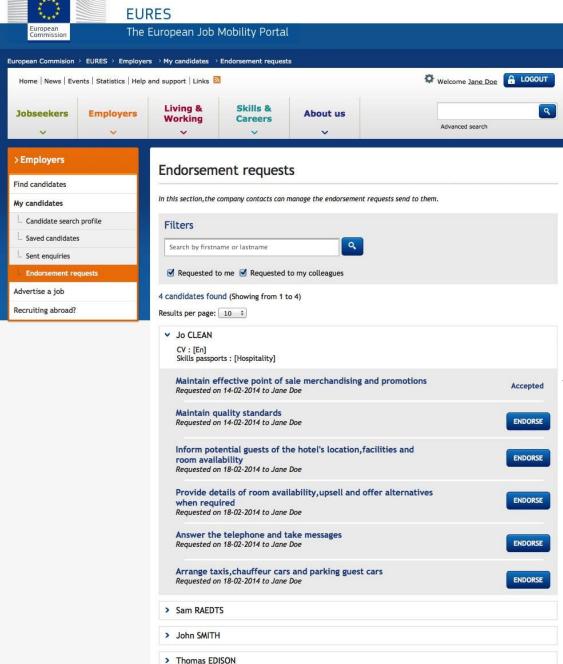
A new type of search is available for employers: "Search for skills passports"

The employer first selects the sector then ticks the skills that he/she is looking for.









Endorse jobseekers' skills

Employers can receive endorsement requests from jobseekers, and can endorse each skill individually.



Virtual Tourism Observatory https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/vto/

- <u>Country Profiles</u> fact sheets with the main economic indicators and tourism data from each EU Member State
- <u>Eurostat Statistics</u> dashboards, tables, graphs and maps displaying monthly and annual data about tourists' flows, accommodation capacity, occupancy, expenditure, etc
- <u>Eurobarometer</u> access to all annual public surveys conducted by the European Commission since 2009
- <u>Studies and reports</u> library of research papers and reports on the tourism sector classified per country, theme and year
- <u>Useful links</u> organizations' websites which provide facts & figures in tourism sector.



Policy framework

ICT in Tourism Initiative

Technological component: TOURISMlink

Operational component: Tourism Business Portal







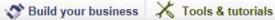
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Tourism Business Portal

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Opportunities

















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Stay up to date

Get to know the emerging economies in the tourism sector and prepare yourself for the market of the future



Train yourself

Discover what mobile applications are of interest to tourists



Optimise management

Calculate the number of staff you will need to achieve your goals in 4 easy steps.















Why and who is the portal for?

Mission:

 Help the creation of new tourism start-ups and innovative development of existing SMEs through a comprehensive and efficient use of IT tools and tutorials.

Target audience:

 Micro-enterprises and SMEs in catering and hotel industry; attractions; tourist information and tour guiding services; travel agents and tour operators...





Which topics does the portal cover?

- Articles and tutorials on:
 - Starting up, running the business, managing its expansion
 - Getting to know clients
 - Online commercialization and positioning
 - Financing and public assistance
 - Understanding legislation
 - Internal management and human resources
 - Ensuring accessibility, energy efficiency etc.

· Tools for:

- Calculating break-even, efficient staffing levels, labour costs, profit margin...
- Competitive product positioning map





... more activities for ICT in tourism

- IT in Tourism Workshop (21 March 2014): https://scic.ec.europa.eu/streaming/index.php?e
 s=2&sessionno=ffd2257b586a72d1fa75f4ba2ad9
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- TourismLink (final conference in June 2014)
- **Webinar series** on online marketization, reputation, social media, m-tourism etc.
- Skills mapping study to help fill the gap between training provision and demand on labour market



Thank you

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