

Abbreviations and acronyms

The main abbreviations and acronyms used in the report are listed below.

Abbreviation/acronym	Full description
ACS	Institute for Adult Education (Slovenia)
ALMPs	Active labour market policies
BASSCOM	Bulgarian Association of Software Companies
BGVTC	Bulgarian-German Vocational Training Centre State Enterprise
BSCC	Bulgarian-Swiss Chamber of Commerce
BSMEPA	Bulgarian Small and Medium Enterprise Promotion Agency
BURS	Bulgarian University Ranking System
CAPSE	Centre for Evaluation of Pre-school and School Education
CCVET	Consultative Council for Vocational Education and Training
CEDEFOP	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
CEEC	Central and Eastern European Countries
CESAs	Centres for employment and social assistance
CITUB	Confederation of Independent Syndicates in Bulgaria
CoCs	Centres of competence
CoEs	Centres of excellence
CPD	Continuing professional development
CV	Curriculum vitae
CVET	Continuous vocational education and training
CVT	Continuing vocational training
DBBZ	Bulgarian-German Vocational Training Centre
ECEC	Early childhood education and care
ECS	European Company Survey
ECTS	European Credits Transfer System
EEA	European Economic Area
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EHEA	European Higher Education Area
EQAVET	European Quality Assurance in Vocational Education
EQF	European Qualifications Framework
ESF	European Social Fund
ESIF	European Structural and Investment Funds
EURES	European Employment Services
EWCS	European Working Conditions Survey
FLCs	Family labour consultants
GDP	Gross domestic product

Abbreviation/acronym	Full description
HDI	Human Development Index
HEPPP	Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (Australia)
HPWPs	High-performance workplace practices
HRM	Human resource management
ICT	Information and communications technology
ILA	Individual learning account
ILO	International Labour Organization
ILS	Individual learning scheme
INSAIT	Institute for Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence and Technology
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
IRAQP	Information Register of the Approved Qualification Programmes
ISCED	International Standard Classification of Education
ISCO	International Standard Classification of Occupations
IT	Information technology
ITE	Initial teacher education
IVT	Initial vocational training
LPVET	List of professions for vocational education and training
MEI	Ministry of the Economy and Industry
MES	Ministry of Education and Science
MEVyT	Modelo Educación para la Vida y el Trabajo (Education Model for Life and Work) (Mexico)
MIG	Ministry of Innovation and Growth
MLOs	Mobile labour offices
MLOWs	Mobile labour offices and workplaces
MLSP	Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
MRDPW	Ministry for Regional Development and Public Works
NAP	National Assessment Program (Australia)
NAPLAN	National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (Australia)
NAVET	National Agency for Vocational Education and Training
NDP	National Development Programme Bulgaria 2030
NEA	National Employment Agency
NEAA	National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency
NEAP	National Employment Action Plan
NEET	Not in employment, education or training
NEPC	National Employment Promotion Council
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NQF	National qualification framework
NSI	National Statistical Institute
OOD	Private limited company
OPHRD	Operational Programme for Human Resource Development
OPSESG	Operational Programme for Science and Education for Smart Growth
PE	Programme Education
PES	Public employment services
PIAAC	Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies
PIRLS	Progress in International Reading Literacy Study
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
PPS	Purchasing power standard

Abbreviation/acronym	Full description
PSEA	Pre-school and School Education Act
QA	Quality assurance
R&D	Research and development
REDs	Regional departments of education
RegiX	Registry Information Exchange System
RPL	Recognition of prior learning
SAA	Skills assessment and anticipation
SBA	Small Business Act
SES	State educational standards
SGI	Sustainable Governance Indicators
SME	Small- and medium-sized enterprise
SSCs	Sectoral skills councils
STEM	Science, technology, engineering and mathematics
TALIS	Teaching and Learning International Survey
TC	Training consortium
TCNs	Third-country nationals
TEZ	Trakia Economic Zone
TIMSS	Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
UN DESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNITE	Universities for Science, Informatics and Technologies in Esociety
VET	Vocational education and training
VETA	Vocational Education and Training Act
WBA	Academy of Continuing Education (Austria)
WBL	Work-based learning



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