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| To: | Delegations |
| Subject: | European Year of Skills - <i>Information from the Presidency and the Commission</i> |

Delegations will find attached information from the Presidency and the Commission on the above subject, with a view to the meeting of the EPSCO Council on 11 March 2024 (Any Other Business item).

THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS**9 May 2023 – 8 May 2024**

The Decision (EU) 2023/936 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European Year of Skills was adopted on 10 May 2023, following the proposal submitted by the European Commission on 12 October 2022.

The overall objective of the European Year of Skills is to further promote a mindset of reskilling and upskilling. In so doing, the Year aims to boost the competitiveness of European companies and to contribute to quality job creation, realising the full potential of the digital and green transition in a socially fair, inclusive and just manner. The European Year of Skills aims to contribute to the objectives set out in the Skills Agenda, and the EU headline targets of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan.

The European Year of Skills runs from 9 May 2023 to 8 May 2024.

Activities throughout the European Year include:

- conferences, forum discussions and other events to promote debate on the role and contribution of skills policies;
- events to promote discussion and mutual learning on the actions and approaches that public, private and third-sector stakeholders can take;
- initiatives to promote the provision, financing and uptake of upskilling and reskilling opportunities; and
- communication and awareness-raising campaigns on EU initiatives for upskilling and reskilling.

A closing event of the European Year of Skills will be organised by the European Commission on 30 April, preceded by an event for National Coordinators organised by the Belgian Presidency on 29 April. The aim of these events is to reflect, from multiple perspectives, on the achievements of the Year and to discuss, together with all relevant stakeholders, ideas for future work on skills development and the Year's legacy, building on lessons learned.
