

THE HISTORY OF EUROPASS

1 Choose the best option to complete the text.

In 1998, the European Commission and the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) set up the European forum on transparency of vocational qualifications to (1) together social partners with representatives of national training authorities around the issue of transparency.

One of the main tasks of the forum was to (2) obstacles to mobility (3) a lack of transparency of vocational qualifications. The work of the forum resulted in the development of Europass which (4) individuals highlight their abilities in an effective way. It promotes the mobility of individuals throughout Europe by removing barriers to working, studying or training in Europe. It is free and (5) people to present their competences, skills and qualifications in a clear way.

Europass consists of five documents that help potential employers, educational establishments and training providers understand which subjects have been studied, what training has been completed or how much experience has been gained working. It also records non-formal learning and language skills. Each document is designed to present your skills and experience in the (6) way possible:

- the European CV can be completed online through the very user-friendly portal and is well recognized across Europe;
- the Language Passport helps promote language skills, qualifications and experience;
- the Mobility Supplement provides a record of skills and experience gained (7) learning or working in Europe;
- the Certificate Supplement helps people better understand the content and level of your vocational qualifications;
- the Diploma Supplement helps people to better understand the content and level of your higher education qualifications.

In February 2005 there was the official launch of the Europass website. (8) December 2011 the Europass website undergoes a radical redesign with a new, modern graphic identity and navigation was improved providing (9) access to the most popular information. Then a new Europass CV was launched in December 2012. In order to make the document even more useful a new online editor has been launched.

The new system is easy to navigate and contains a direct preview of the final document. Users can now add more personal information on their CV such as:

- information on their personal websites / blogs;
- instant messaging information;
- supporting documentation such as language certificates.


The CV has been redesigned to make sure the document is more legible and more effective in highlighting important information.

The European Skills Passport was launched with the new CV. The ESP is an electronic folder created to reinforce the CV by providing evidence of skills and qualifications listed in it. The European Skills Passport can contain a wide range of documents such as the Certificate Supplement, Language Passport, the scan of Diplomas, attestations of employment etc.

When attached to a Europass CV, the European Skills Passport will reinforce the CV by bringing evidence of skills and qualifications listed.

An example of the Europass CV and more information about Europass are (10) from the Europass website.

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| 1. A. take | B. bring | C. carry |
| 2. A. remove | B. take off | C. transfer |
| 3. A. in spite of | B. thanks to | C. due to |
| 4. A. helps | B. prevents | C. limits |
| 5. A. authorizes | B. enables | C. forces |
| 6. A. best | B. worst | C. very good |
| 7. A. although | B. unless | C. while |
| 8. A. On | B. In | C. At |
| 9. A. slower | B. duller | C. quicker |
| 10. A. available | B. suitable | C. appropriate |

2  Match each term with its Italian equivalent.

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| a. training provider | 1. mettere in risalto le proprie capacità |
| b. educational establishment | 2. pagina d'accesso facile da usare |
| c. vocational qualification | 3. Passaporto Europeo delle Competenze |
| d. European Skills Passport | 4. documentare competenze e qualifiche |
| e. highlight one's abilities | 5. ente d'istruzione |
| f. user friendly portal | 6. il sito ha subito una riprogettazione radicale |
| g. website undergoes a radical redesign | 7. ente di formazione |
| h. provide evidence of skills and qualifications | 8. qualifica professionale |

