



## 10 million visits on Cedefop's Europass website

# Europass: a key tool for citizen mobility

### Overview

Three years after its official launch in February 2005, the Europass website<sup>(1)</sup>, developed and managed by Cedefop, has reached **10 million visits**, with 2.5 million curricula vitae completed online and another 2.5 million CV templates downloaded.

The Europass website is available in **26 languages** and addresses half a billion citizens in **32 countries** (European Union, European Economic Area and candidate countries).

### What is Europass?

The objective of Europass is to help European citizens:

- make their skills and qualifications clearly and easily understood on the labour market and in education and training;
- access employment and move to a new post, a new occupation or a new country anywhere in Europe.

Europass consists of five documents:

- the **Curriculum Vitae** (CV) gives an overview of personal skills, including those acquired on the job or during leisure time;
- the **Language Passport** offers a self-assessment of language skills using standardised levels;
- **Europass Mobility** records work and education experiences in other European countries;
- the **Certificate Supplement** describes the content of vocational qualifications (entry requirements, skills acquired, level, certification);
- the **Diploma Supplement** lists the

achievements of holders of diplomas or degrees (level, topics, grades).

The Europass CV and Language Passport are completed by the users themselves; the Europass Mobility, Certificate Supplement and Diploma Supplement are issued by the competent authorities.

A network of National Europass Centres promotes the implementation of Europass in participating countries.



*Mary Hanafin T.D., Irish Minister for Education and Science, congratulates students of Inchicore College, the first Irish recipients of Europass Mobility, 27 April 2006 (Photo courtesy of Inchicore College).*

### Europass: a success story

The growing use of Europass proves its relevance for European citizens' mobility. Figures speak for themselves:

- 10 million visits to the site;
- 2.5 million CVs completed online using Cedefop's tutorials;
- 2.5 million CV templates downloaded;
- over 90,000 Europass Mobility issued.

<sup>1</sup> <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>

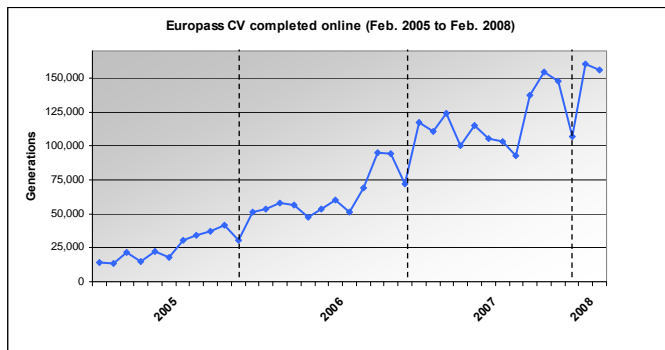


Figure 1: Europass CVs completed online since February 2005

The success of Europass is the result of close cooperation between the European Commission, Cedefop, and the National Europass Centres.

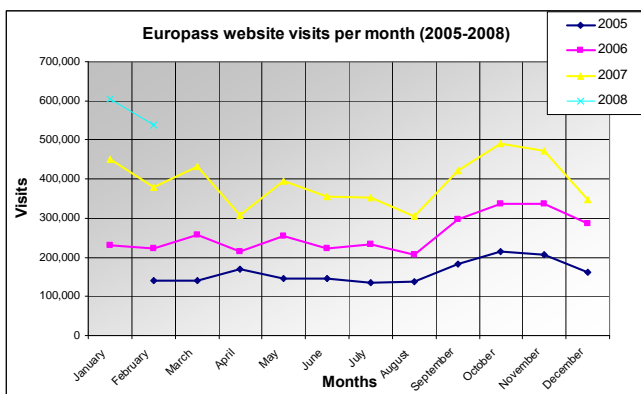


Figure 2: Visits on the Europass website (Feb. 2005 - Feb. 2008)

## The history behind Europass

In **1996**, Council Resolution 96/C224/04 called on Member States to promote the greater transparency of vocational qualifications by including information on the purpose, duration and content of courses and a description of the qualifications obtained.

In **1999**, Council Resolution 1999/51/EC established the Europass Training document, forerunner of Europass Mobility, to promote European pathways in work-linked training, including apprenticeship.

In **2000**, the European Forum on Transparency of Qualifications, which brought together the European Commission, Cedefop and Member States, developed the European CV, forerunner of the Europass CV, and the Certificate Supplement.

In **2004**, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Decision 2241/2004/EC on a single Community framework for the transparency of qualifications and competences (Europass).

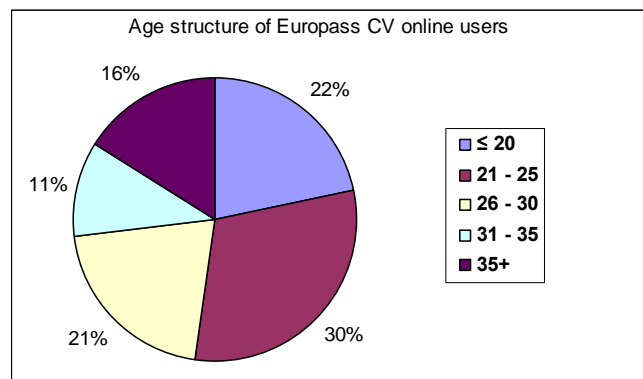


Figure 3: Profile of Europass CV users per age group.

## Cedefop's contribution to Europass

To prepare the official launch by Commissioner Jàn Figel' (1 February 2005), Cedefop designed and developed a multilingual web resource, bringing to the project:

- **content expertise:** Cedefop helped draft the Europass documents and web pages, in cooperation with the Commission;
- **linguistic support:** Cedefop financed and monitored the translation of the Europass tools into 26 languages;
- **Information Technology expertise:** Cedefop defined the technical specifications of the project and continues to monitor web resources.

Cedefop pays special attention to user comments to continually improve the quality of the service, in cooperation with the European Commission.

## More information on Europass

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