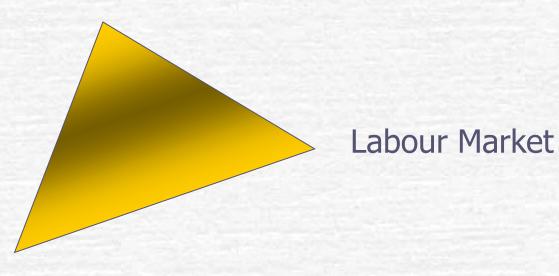
Vocational Training as an EU Policy Field

- Formally, the EU is not responsible
- In fact the EU is very active
- Method of Open Coordination
- Various activities in different policy areas
- Strong focus on labour market policy and economic development



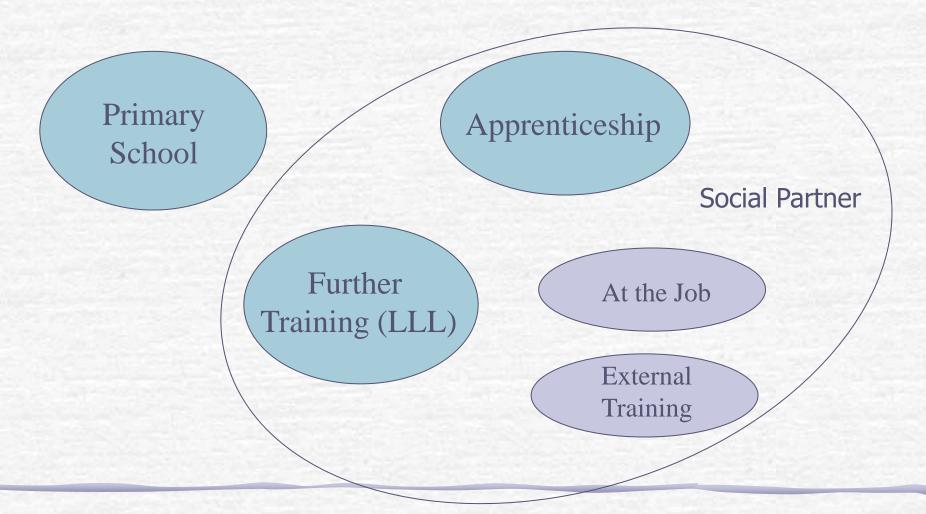
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Individual Development



Education System

Subsystems

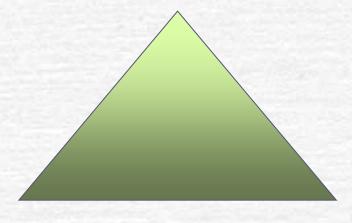


Social Dialogue Activities

- Project to enhance the sectors attractiveness
- Research project to compare the VET systems and training practices
- "Sector Skills Councils" First phase = feasibility study
- Bolster Up project European core qualifications for upholsterer and cabinet makers

Vocational Training in the stress field of:





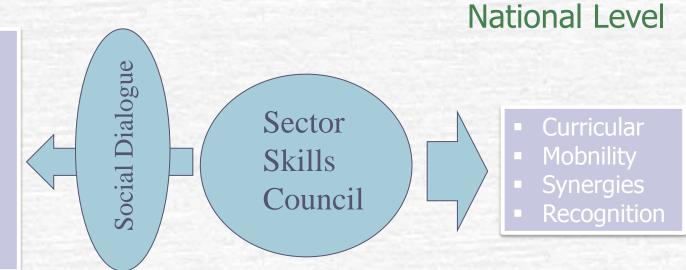
Technology

Work Organisation

Institutional role of the Sector Skills Council:

European Level

- Legislative competence of the social partners
- Lbour market policy
- VET policy
- Demands and advise on R*D ...



Perspectives

- Sector Skills Council
 - Monitor the developments of the labour market
 - Provide forecasts for new skills
 - Evaluate the effects of technological development
 - Present proposals for new aspects of the vocatonal education and further training
 - Discuss and propose progressive forms of work organisation
 - ...

Perspectives

Changes in the Commissions policy

- The original orientation was collaboration between stakeholders
- New orientation after changes in the staff
- New focus: European skill panorama
- Again change in responsibilities
- Again a new direction ?
- Social partners need to influence the Commissions policy