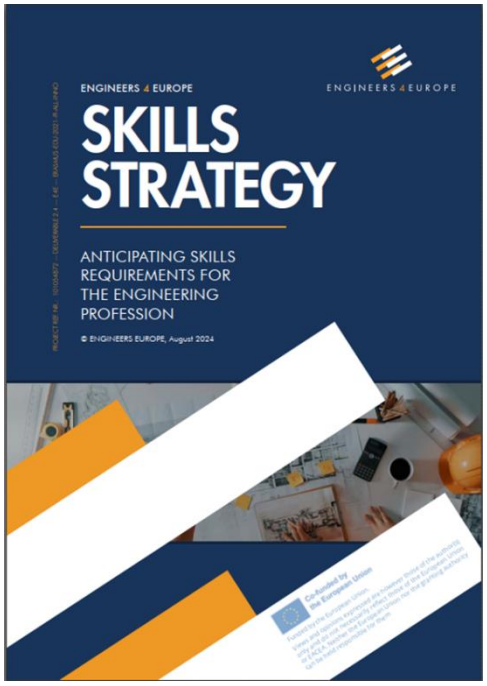
E4E Skills Strategy Press Release

ENGINEERS EUROPE Releases First Draft of the European Engineering Skills Strategy

Brussels, 09/10/2024 – **ENGINEERS EUROPE**, the European umbrella Organization of Professional Engineers and representing 6 million engineers from 33 countries, has recently released the first version of the European Engineering Skills Strategy. This research work – which aims at bridging the skills gap in Europe's engineering sector – is one of the major objectives of the "Engineers for Europe (E4E) project", financed by the European Commission under Erasmus+. The e-publication was developed with the contributions from 61 experts representing 27 institutions, universities and professional organizations, from 13 EU countries.



Through extensive primary and secondary research - including two Europe-wide surveys addressed to Europe's engineering community and resulting into 7.757 responses - the strategy highlights the critical gap between the demand and supply side of engineering skills. The 62-page document provides not only an analysis, but also clear recommendations for higher education institutions, professional organizations, industry leaders and policymakers, aimed at fostering a workforce equipped to meet the future demands of the engineering sector. In particular it emphasizes the need for holistic skills development by integrating both technical and non-technical skills in the engineering education and addresses the challenges of the green and digital transition. Furthermore, it includes 15 best practice examples highlighting recent successful initiatives in Europe aimed at bridging the skills gap.

The **European Engineering Skills Council**, which was established as an integral part of the E4E project, will play a key role in implementing the strategy and ensuring ongoing collaboration among stakeholders. It will become an integral part and body within ENGINEERS EUROPE.

Stakeholder Feedback Request: ENGINEERS EUROPE as E4E-Project Leader Project invites all relevant stakeholders to review and provide feedback on this first draft document.

Comments and suggestions will help to finalize the strategy by August 2025. Feedback can be sent and is welcomed at e4e@engineerseurope.com. More details about the E4E project can be found on the website https://www.engineers4europe.eu.