

Enhancing Labour Market Relevance and Outcomes of Higher Education LMRO Partnership Initiative

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Subject: Invitation to participate in the Call for Practices

Dear colleagues in Portuguese Higher Education Institutions,

Technological advances, climate change, the digitalisation of the economy, and exogenous shocks such as the COVID-19 pandemic are transforming labour markets. Higher education institutions are responding to these developments with **innovative practices** to equip students with the skills they need to flourish in the various work settings they might encounter throughout their careers.

We - the European Commission and the OECD - have launched a Call for Practices to collect and share information about these innovative practices. Our aim is to support the adoption of actionable policy options and effective, scalable institutional initiatives.

We look for practices that range in scope from institution-wide activities to individual teaching practices, at any level of formalisation.

Find out more about the Call for Practices, and how to submit a practice: <u>https://survey.oecd.org/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=451866&token=hRIB5jrdwdKaSEj&lang=en</u>

If you are involved in the planning/set-up/implementation and/or continuous development of a practice that relates to one or more of the following eight areas, we cordially invite you to share information about this practice with us. **Closing date for the submission is 16 May 2021**.

- 1) Monitoring and ensuring the labour market relevance of the educational offering
- 2) Adapting curricula, mix of programmes, and qualifications to changing labour market needs

3) Teaching practices, learning environments and assessment for labour market relevant skills, including transversal skills

- 4) Supporting teaching staff
- 5) Building a common understanding of graduate skills, and trusted skills signalling mechanisms
- 6) Use of labour market information to guide students
- 7) Supporting students to enter high-demand fields, and succeed
- 8) Up/reskilling Lifelong learning

All information collected through this survey will be securely stored by the OECD and its confidentiality protected consistent with the OECD <u>Data Protection Rules</u>. No individuals will be personally identified in our records or in any resulting publication. If we wish to explicitly link any information provided with the relevant institution in a publication, we will first obtain authorisation from the institution.

We look forward to your submission and thank you in advance for your contribution to this important project!

Sincerely,



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