



The Apprenticeship Courses in **Vocational Training in Portugal**

Erasmus+ Project - Improving Implementing Dual VET

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Qualification structure in Portugal

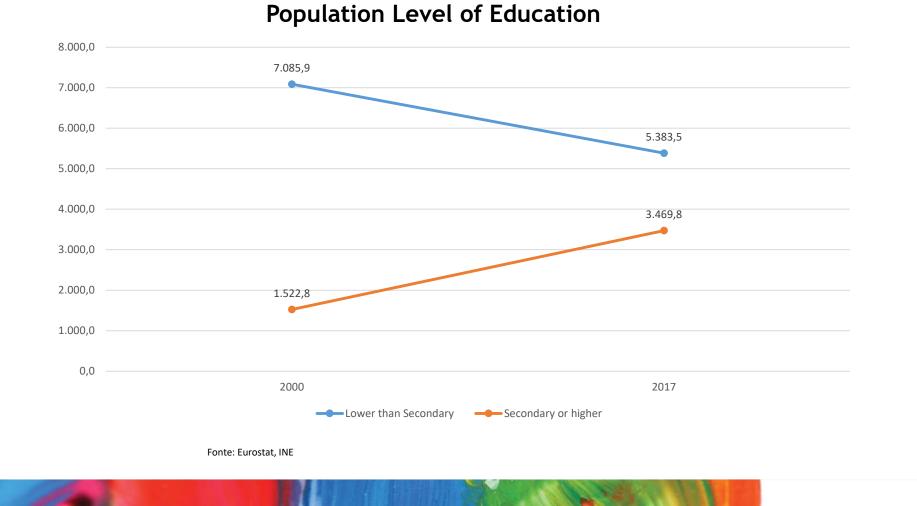


- > 62% of people between 25 and 64 years old did not finished the secondary level of education
- > 40% of boys between 25 and 35 years old did not finished the secondary level of education as against 28% of girls
- > 60% of the people enrolled at IEFP possess qualifications bellow the secondary level
- > About 100.000 of the enrolled in IEFP without the secondary level of education have more than 35 years old
- > The early dropout school rate is 12,7%



Qualification structure in Portugal







Evolution of registered unemployment

		Qualification levels			Youth
YEAR	TOTAL	<= 9.º year	sec.	superior	< 25 years
2007	390 280	282 605	68 048	39 627	53 295
2008	416 005	305 241	72 746	38 018	56 315
2009	524 674	382 229	97 668	44 777	67 846
2010	541 840	384 248	107 766	49 826	64 041
2011	605 134	409 952	131 712	63 470	73 534
2012	710 652	457 486	164 425	88 741	87 966
2013	690 535	435 772	161 354	93 409	89 496
2014	598 581	379 753	141 098	77 730	73 837
2015	555 167	344 745	136 337	74 085	69 222
2016	491 107	296 403	121 569	73 135	59 550
2017	403 771	242 695	105 070	56 006	44 414
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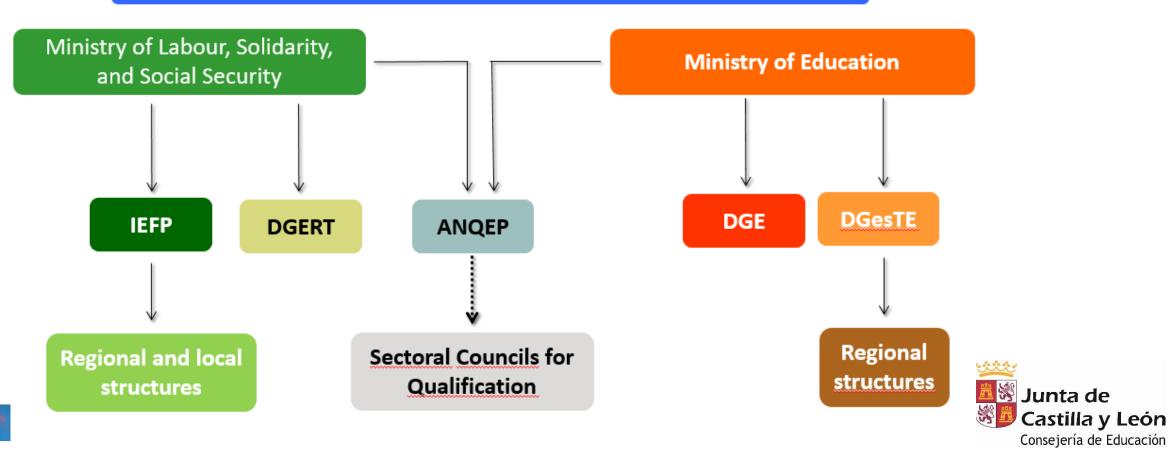
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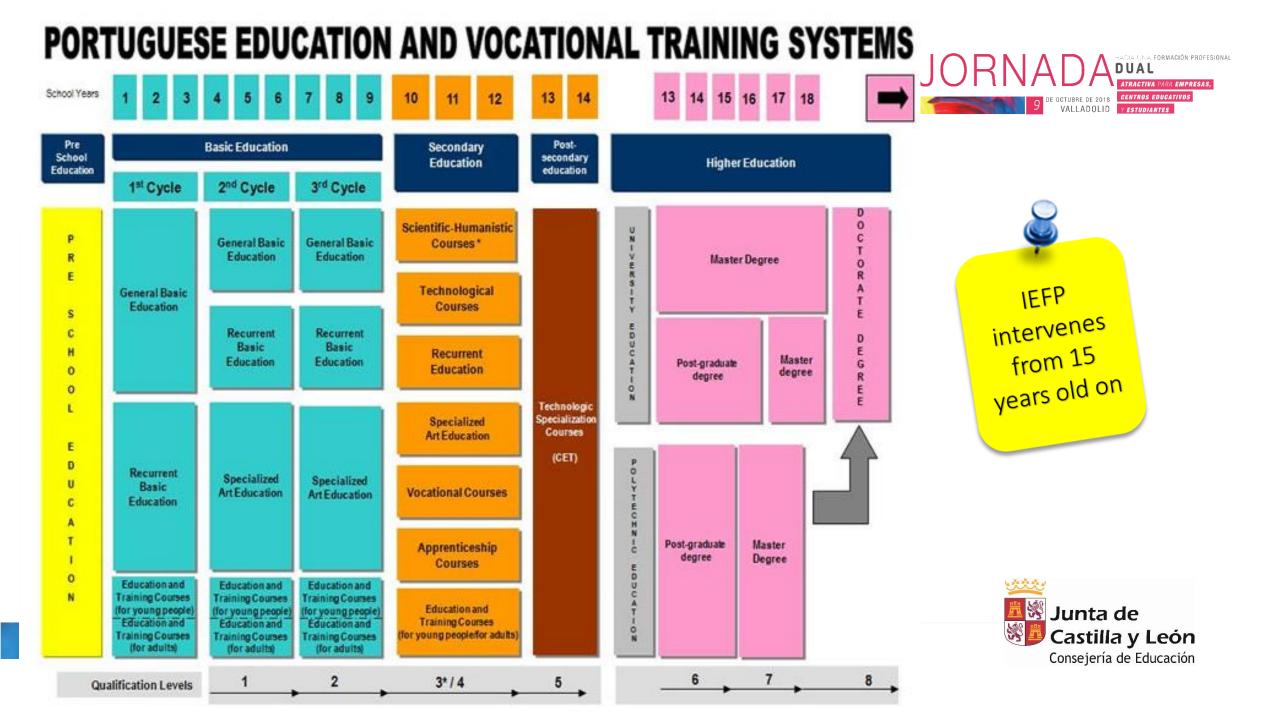
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Framework of the National Qualification System



Portuguese Government









The EMPLOYMENT AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (IEFP), created in 1979, is the national public employment service responsible for implementing active employment policies, defined and approved by the government, including those related to vocational training.

Mission

To promote the creation and quality of jobs and to fight against unemployment, through the implementation of active employment measures, including vocational training.

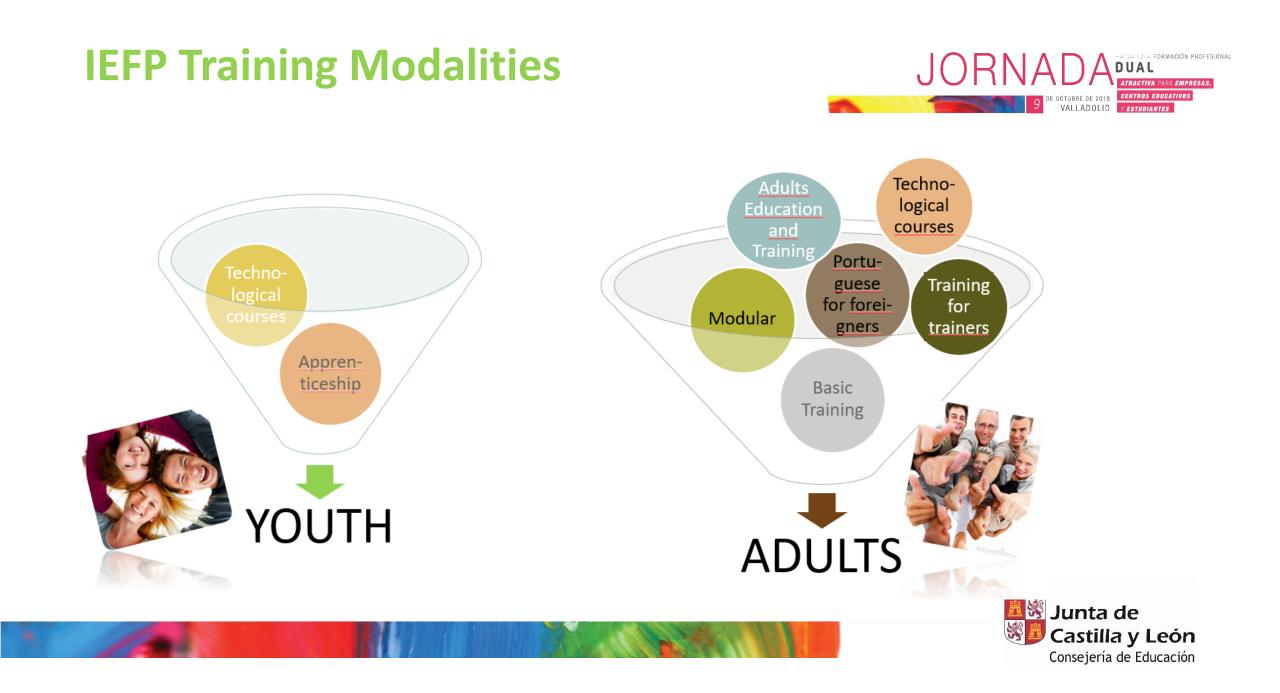


IEFP Main Duties



- Assure jobseeker's placement;
- Promote information and vocational guidance;
- Promote school and professional qualification of the young and adult population;
- Collaborate with the employment policy;
- Promote labour market organization;
- Encourage job creation;
- Encourage the integration into working life of different publics;
- Promote vocational rehabilitation of disabled people.





Apprenticeship Courses Training youth for a qualified job



- The apprenticeship system was implemented in Portugal more than 30 years ago
- It was inspired by the dual German system and the French apprentissage
- Launched in 1984, under the Ministry of Labour, it has been strategically important in the context of education, training and employment policies
- It's an alternative to the formal education system



Apprenticeship Courses



Aim

 Qualify young people to promote the increase of competitiveness of companies, namely, in transactional sectors of goods and services.

What they consist of?

 Initial alternance training with double certification, (secondary level of education and level 4 of the NQF).

For whom?

• Young people under the age of 25 with the 9th level of schooling.



Apprenticeship Courses



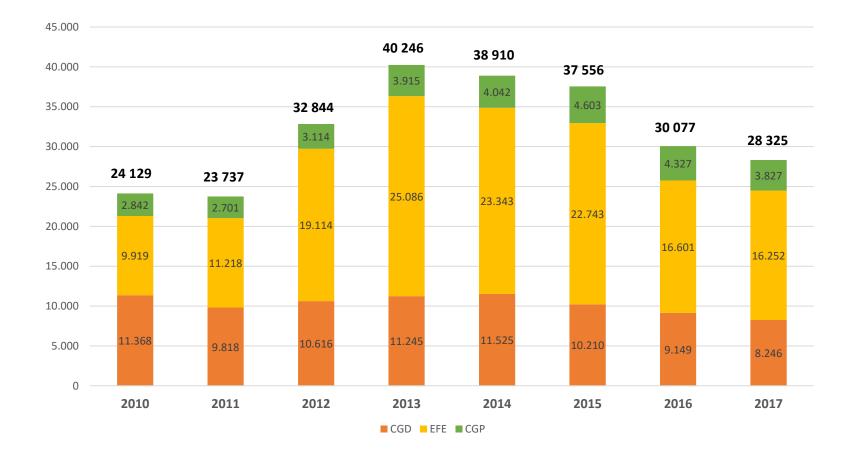








Trainees by entity type | 2010 - 2017





Apprenticeship Courses Main Characteristics



- Intervention with young people in **transition to working life**
- improvement of employability levels and social and professional inclusion
- Organisation of dual training 2 contexts:

Context of the Vocational Training Centre/Entitie (socio-cultural, scientific and technological training - including simulated practice) and **context of Company** (practical training – work based learning)

Combination of theoretical knowledge and skills developed on the job (learning by doing)

Suppreciation of the contribution of companies as learning spaces in order to adjust the profile of skills of trainees to the real needs of the labour market.



Apprenticeship Courses Curriculum: developed in three stages _____ of about one year

Technological

Practice

Technologies

Work Context (on the job training)



Specific Technologies

800

1 100

2 800

TOTAL

1 000

1 500

3 700

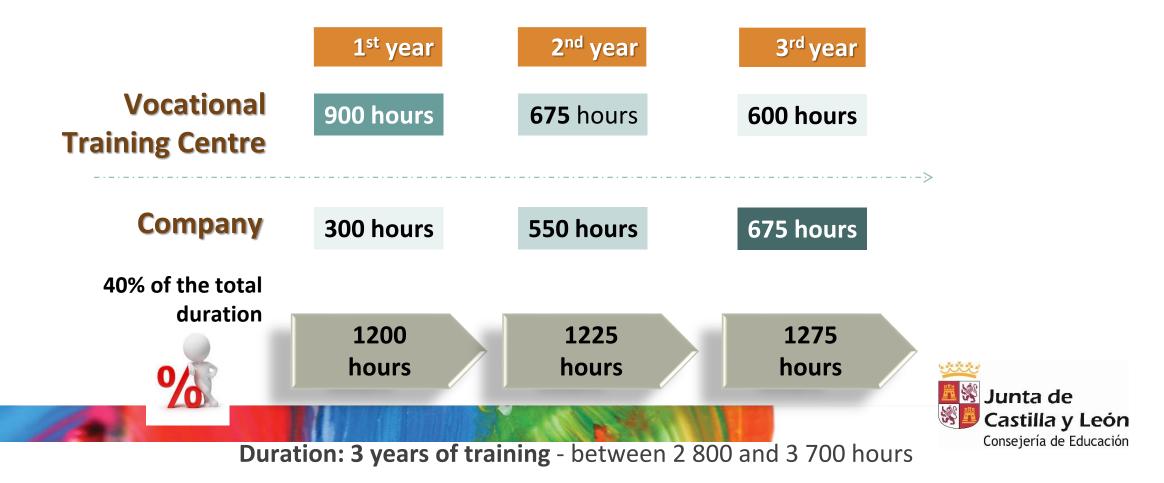


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Apprenticeship Courses Training Organization



Training organisation - How does it work?



Apprenticeship Courses Social Supports





Training grant (€ 42,89/month)

Grant for learning material (from € 81,50 to € 163,00)

Meal subsidy (€ 4,77/day - can be assigned in kind)

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Transportation expenses or transportation subsidy

Plus: Care subsidy for dependent people

Accomodation subsidy exceptionally assigned







Participation

(Re) Qualification

Recognition



The problems confronting the system (participation)



- The rate of participation of active workers in vocational training has declined in recent years
- The number of hours of vocational training per worker has remained stable since 2010
- Participation rates in vocational training are higher among younger workers and among the workers with higher levels of qualification
- It has been difficult to involve NEETs in vocational training activities
- Employment and qualification with evidence of an impact still damped



Inequality is also a hierarchy of qualifications ORNADA DA LA FORMACIÓN PROFESIONAL RE (Qualification)







- 1. By companies, as a partner that supports facing HR adaptation challenges?
- 2. By society, as the answer of excellence for the qualification of qualified staff?
- 3. For its actors, as a space for concertation and participation in the construction of institutional, programmatic, instrumental, methodological solutions...?





Assumptions of a strategy

Through governance

- Strengthen the quality of the training project through the valorization of resources
- Quality control
- Commitment to the effectiveness of the devices and practices of professional orientation
- Qualification of trainers and tutors
- Communication with young people and their families and with companies
- The organization of supply (participation of companies in the definition of the vocational training offer)



Valorization of the Apprenticeship System JORNADA DUAL 2 DE OCTUBRE DE COLUBRE DE COLUB

Assumptions of a strategy

Through participation

- Deepening the relationship with the labor market
- To promote the appropriation of the apprenticeship system by companies and ensure greater recognition as a qualification tool for the labor market
- Ensure greater involvement of companies and social partners
- Adapt training standards (NQC) to the needs of companies and their production systems
- Recognize and value the best training practices of companies
- Promote greater commitment of companies with trainees
- Reinforce the Apprenticeship System as the best way for the initial qualification of young people





Assumptions of a strategy

Through regulation

- Changing the system regulation board
- Promoting the possibility of apprenticeship courses to develop at level 5 EQF
- Reinforcement of curricular flexibility
- Possibility of regulating the inclusion of the apprenticeship contract in the sphere of labor relations











