

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

To whom it may concern

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Developing and promoting entrepreneurial skills and competences have been a top priority for the EU and Member States for many years. Both the Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan (2013) and the Rethinking Education Communication (2013) focus on a practical entrepreneurial experience before leaving compulsory education. However, different findings show that participation in practical entrepreneurial learning at school is low and that more needs to be done to develop the entrepreneurial skills of young people. The Entrepreneurial Skills Pass aims at filling this gap. It offers teachers the opportunity to facilitate an active learning experience through well designed and ready to use learning materials in combination with a real entrepreneurial activity by students in a mini-company. The ESP is an international qualification based on a standard which reflects the needs of the business world. This qualification is awarded by JA Europe and can currently be obtained in 22 countries as an add-on to the respective national school qualifications. In today's globalised world such an international qualification is of particular value as it signals business and entrepreneurship related knowledge, skills and competence to employers as well as it is a means to facilitate and to structure learning processes.



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