



Press Information

Nestlé and the 'Alliance for YOUth' offer 150,000 jobs and training opportunities over the last two years

The 'Alliance for YOUth' is joining forces with JA Europe to support 500 secondary school and vocational students in obtaining the Entrepreneurial Skills Pass

Nestlé and the 'Alliance for YOUth' have announced today that they have offered 150,000 jobs and apprenticeships/traineeships over the last two years. The business-driven initiative is well on track to deliver on its commitments to provide 230,000 job and training opportunities by 2020 to young people across Europe, Middle East and North Africa (EMENA).

Marco Settembri, Nestlé's CEO for Zone EMENA: "I am very happy to see that we have altogether delivered on our pledge to offer jobs and training opportunities to about 150,000 young people in the last two years. We will continue to step up efforts to strengthen business-education collaboration and invest in young people's future."

Recently, the Alliance has also joined forces with JA Europe, the Europe's largest provider of education programmes for entrepreneurship, to help young people gaining entrepreneurial skills. Under the impulse of Ernst & Young (EY) co-developing the programme, the ambition of this unique collaboration is to support 500 school and vocational students in obtaining the Entrepreneurial Skills Pass.

This announcement comes during the European Vocational Skills that is taking place from 5 to 9 November. As for the two previous editions, Nestlé and the 'Alliance for YOUth' are strongly supporting the initiative by organising more than 40 local events and activities to highlight the benefits of apprenticeships and work-based learning.

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About the "Alliance for YOUth"

The "Alliance for YOUth", initiated by Nestlé, has pledged in 2014 to develop a number of joint and individual initiatives to give young people meaningful work experience and internships. The companies also mobilize their employees to go out into the community and help young people get ready for work by offering practical advice, CV clinics and interview preparation. The "Alliance for YOUth" partners are active members of the European Commission's European Alliance for Apprenticeships, promoting apprenticeships and training as active ambassadors of vocational training across Europe.

Europe-wide partners include workforce solutions provider **Adecco Group**, insurer **AXA**, international food group **Cargill**, **DHL** Supply Chain, logistics group **DS Smith**, Instrumentation and Process Automation Company **Endress+Hauser**, Global Energy Player **ENGIE**, financial services **EY**, social networking company **Facebook**, perfume and flavor firm **Firmenich**, retailer **METRO GROUP**, technology company **Microsoft**, food and drink producer **Nestlé**, consumer insights group **Nielsen**, communications firm **Publicis Groupe**, technology firm **Salesforce**, chemicals and advanced materials company **Solvay** and international law firm **White & Case**. To date more than 200 companies across Europe have joined the "Alliance for YOUth".