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## *University Lifelong Learning to Live a Better Life – Continuing Education for Sustainable Quality of Life in Europe*

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### ***HE Apprenticeship - development of policies to prepare the professionals of tomorrow***

Growing productivity of industrial work is resulting in high youth unemployment. At the same time skills requirements are changing: more high level knowledge as well as experience-based competencies are needed. Hence, there is a particular need to promote and expand the capacity of work based learning and apprenticeships. In this respect, the major challenge will be to reintegrate and synchronise the “working and the learning worlds” so they understand each other better and cooperate in a more natural and useful way.

ApprEnt intends to bridge the gap between the world of education and business, enhancing partnerships that involve companies, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) as VET providers, and other relevant stakeholders such as public bodies, representatives of learners and representatives of VET providers, with the ultimate aim of promoting the establishment of work-based learning and especially apprenticeship. With this aim in mind, ApprEnt has drafted a set of policy recommendations on how VET in HEIs can promote the implementation of apprenticeships and work-based learning schemes and thus contribute to address the problems of unemployment and skills shortages.