

# Pact for Youth

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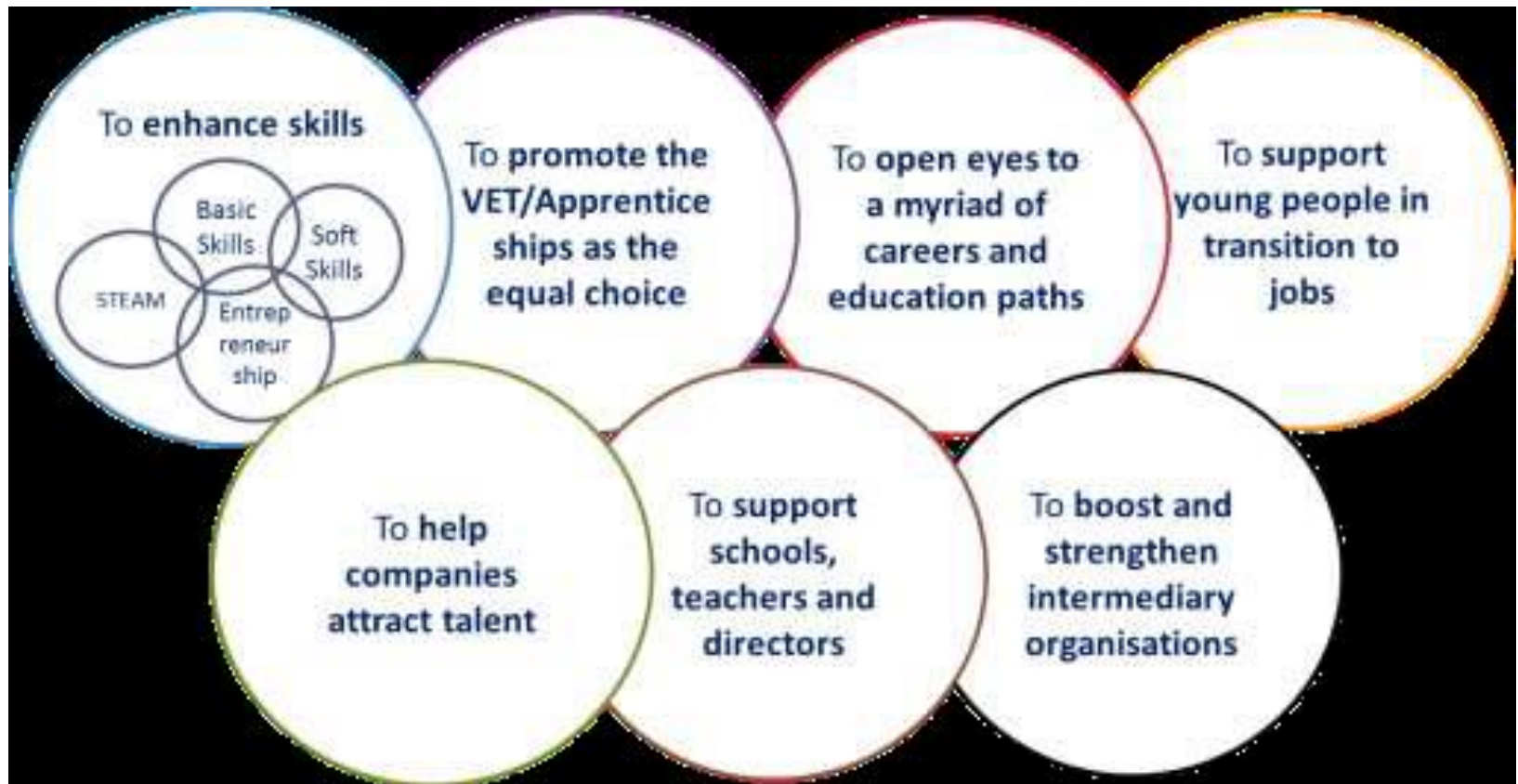
# Context

- Education providers are twice as likely as youth or employers to consider their graduates prepared for the labour market
- 40% of European employers say they face difficulties in finding the right people with the right qualifications.
- If young people do not match their career choice to the right education plan, they are at increased risk of being neither in employment, education or training (NEET).
- In 2015, over 7 million young people were considered to be NEET.

# Action taking place

- An acceleration of actions by leaders from business, governments and international institutions to make youth and education the plan A.
- Education, labour and collaboration are topics high on the global agenda through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
  - 4 – quality education
  - 8 – decent work and economic growth and
  - 17 - partnerships for the goals.
- In Europe, the EU agreed the new narrative, where Youth and SDGs are at the forefront.
- Based on an appeal from the EU heads of states and Ministers of Education, the new Youth Initiative will be launched on 7 December in 2017.

# Pact 4 Youth Priority Areas



# Ireland action to date

- Stakeholder briefing by BITCI and CSR Europe – March 2016 @ EU Offices, Dublin
- Agreement by main schools-business p'ship orgs such as BITCI, Junior Achievement, NFTE and Smart Futures to map Ireland's activity by end of 2016
- Agreement by CSR Forum to draft Ireland's P4Y NAP

# Other Countries

Italian National Action Plan, (<http://www.sodalitas.it/partecipare/european-pact-for-youth>)



# Next Steps

- Draft Ireland's NAP by February 2017 (focussing on actions)
- Sherpa Meeting European Pact for Youth 24 March 2017, Brussels
- Leaders Meeting European Pact for Youth 12 July 2017 Brussels
- European Enterprise-Education Summit 23 November 2017 Brussels – culmination of the European Pact for Youth