European cooperation in vocational education and training to support the Europe 2020 strategy

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The Council adopted conclusions on the priorities for European cooperation in vocational education and training for the period 2011-2020.

The conclusions set out a **global vision for vocational education and training (VET) in 2020**, aiming at a more attractive, relevant, career-oriented, innovative, accessible and flexible European VET system than in 2010.

They also establish four long-term strategic objectives for the period from 2011 to 2020, which reflect those adopted under the overarching "ET 2020" strategic framework, namely:

1. improving the quality and efficiency of VET - enhancing its attractiveness and relevance;
2. making lifelong learning and mobility a reality;
3. enhancing creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship;
4. promoting equity, social cohesion and active citizenship.

The text also sets out a programme of short-term deliverables related to these priorities, for the years 2011 to 2014. The conclusions will feed into the discussions at the informal ministerial meeting specially devoted to VET on 7 December in Bruges and serve as a basis for a special communiqué to be adopted by that meeting.