

# Short Cycle Higher Education in Europe Level 5: the Missing Link

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# **Embedding Professional Short Cycle Higher Education in the (Higher) Education System**

**Mission and role of SCHE on a national level**

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## Role of SCHE at national level

- Contribute to the objectives of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training ('ET 2020').
  - **Making lifelong learning and mobility a reality;**
  - **Improving the quality and efficiency of education and training;**
  - **Promoting equity, social cohesion and active citizenship;**
  - **Enhancing creativity and innovation, including entrepreneurship,**
- Contribute to the objectives of the Leuven Communiqué 'Learning for the future: higher education priorities for the decade to come' in particular viz:
  - Striving for excellence in all aspects of higher education,
  - **Social dimension: equitable access and completion,**



## Role of SCHE at national level ctd.

- Contribute to the objectives of the Leuven Communiqué 'Learning for the future: higher education priorities for the decade to come' in particular viz:
  - **The development of national qualifications frameworks**
  - **Employability of students**
  - Mobility of students, early stage researchers and staff with an **improved participation rate from diverse student groups.**
  - Attractive working conditions to attract highly qualified teachers to higher education institutions,
  - Improved and enhanced data collection
  - Multi-dimensional transparency tools
  - **New and diversified funding sources and methods**



## Role of SCHE at national level

- SCHE can be considered to be the **missing link** between (esp. vocational) secondary and higher education;
- SCHE can reduce drop-out in HE;
- SCHE helps widening participation in higher education;
  - Non-traditional entrants: first-generation students, disadvantaged students, students of migrant origin;
- SCHE helps MS to prepare for the knowledge society;
  - Meeting the needs of industry with an adequate supply of young well-trained professionals for the labour market especially at the level of technicians and associate professionals;



## Role of SCHE at national level (ctd.)

- Because SCHE meets the needs of the labour market it enhances employability and the employment rate of the students;
- SCHE makes lifelong learning a reality;
  - More mature students
  - Often entry requirements not so strict
  - Provision is flexible
  - Proximity of provision;



## Role of SCHE at national level (ctd.)

- SCHE develops strong partnerships between public authorities, higher education institutions, students, employers and employees, trade unions, chambers of commerce;
- SCHE promotes equity, social cohesion and active citizenship;
  - Different profile of students in most countries;
  - Many institutions are involved in social projects, teach corporate social responsibility and work on sustainable development of the institutions. Few have a diversity charter.



## Role of SCHE at national level (ctd.)

- SCHE can contribute to the implementation of the EQF and the NQFs;
- SCHE can contribute to reaching the target of 20% mobility by 2020;
- SCHE can contribute to enhancing quality of HE.

**Thank you for your attention!**

Any questions?

