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**Subject: The Entrepreneurial Skills Pass (ESP) letter of endorsement**

The Entrepreneurial Skills Pass (ESP) is a unique international certification encouraging and recognising students' entrepreneurial life skills. The ESP officially acknowledges the participation of students in practical experience and real-life business situations as well as their entrepreneurial skills, knowledge and attitude acquired during the JA Company Programme. In other words, the ESP equips young people to enter the job market and/or start their own business.

EUROCHAMBRES believes that unlocking the full potential of human capital in Europe is vital to strengthen its global competitiveness, foster growth and tackle unemployment. Achieving Europe's ambitions requires education to also focus on developing transversal skills and entrepreneurial mind-sets. It also necessitates that education, business and policy-makers collaborate more.

Chambers across Europe have a strong tradition in education and training. At EU level, EUROCHAMBRES campaigns for a stronger focus on vocational education and training, as well as combining practical experiences with academic learning. Because we are convinced students who have participated in the JA Company Programme acquire essential life skills, reach a higher level of confidence and are better prepared to enter the workforce, we are committed to promote the ESP in the framework of the European Alliance for Apprenticeships and the SME Assembly, as well as and other relevant contexts.

We will invite EUROCHAMBRES stakeholders to get involved in the ESP initiative and to explore its benefits. We also invite policy-makers to endorse the programme and facilitate cooperation between education and business sectors.

Yours faithfully,



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