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The University of Presov in Presov fully supports the project The Entrepreneurial Skills Pass.

Unleashing Europe's entrepreneurial potential to bring back jobs and growth based on more than ten years of experience in implementing similar educational programmes.

We realise that more entrepreneurs and more entrepreneurial workforce mean more jobs, more innovation, and more competitiveness.

By saying that "every young person should have a practical entrepreneurial experience before leaving compulsory education" (Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan) and by recognising entrepreneurship as a transversal skill (Rethinking Education: investing in skills for better socioeconomic outcomes), the European Commission has emphasised the need to embed entrepreneurial skills and competences in all sectors and levels of education in Europe. The European Parliament is backing the Commission's initiatives with several reports stressing the necessity to develop entrepreneurship education further (e.g. Skills policies for fighting youth unemployment - 2016, Promoting Youth Entrepreneurship through Education and Training – 2015).

Indeed, entrepreneurial mind-sets and skills need to be effectively built through hands-on, real-life experiences, and project work. They need to be taught at all levels (from kindergarten to university) and across all subjects (as a separate subject or combined with another) as well as promoted beyond educational institutions to businesses and the wider community.

The Entrepreneurial Skills Pass (ESP) is a major step in this direction. It's the only international qualification that certifies young people's business, financial and economic knowledge and skills.

We are fully aware that acquiring basic entrepreneurial skills contributes to the acceleration of job creation and developmental processes in the Presov region.

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