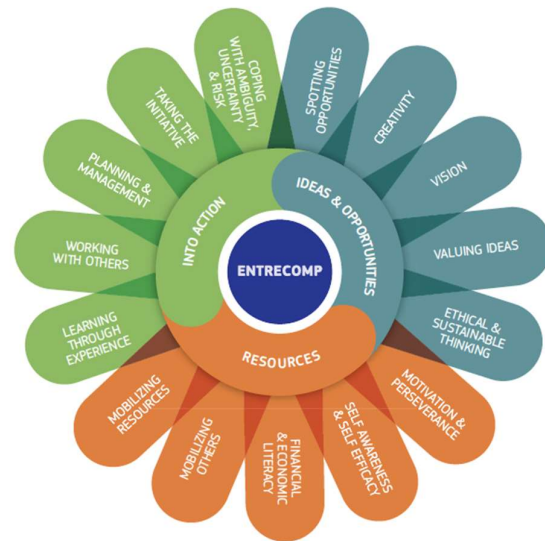# EEUK Policy Briefing: What is EntreComp?

The European Entrepreneurship Competence Framework (EntreComp) is a comprehensive, flexible & multi-purpose reference framework designed to help you understand what is meant by entrepreneurship as a competence and be able to use this within your work.

Created by the European Commission, **EntreComp** identifies the competences that make up what it means to be entrepreneurial as discovering and acting upon opportunities and ideas, and transforming them into financial, cultural, or social value for others.

At its very simplest level, it is made up of three areas with five competences each, summing up to 15 competences that individuals use to discover and act upon opportunities and ideas. The three areas are:

Ideas and Opportunities, Resources, and Into Action.

Each of the areas is made up of 5 competences, which, together create the building blocks of entrepreneurship as a competence. The EntreComp framework develops the 15 competences along an 8-level progression model and proposes a comprehensive list of 442 learning outcomes.

How do I use EntreComp?

There are two EntreComp documents, both designed to help you adapt the framework for your needs. The original EntreComp Framework[i] published in 2016, contains all the **learning outcomes** and detail needed for curriculum design or creating assessment rubrics, outlining the competences across **8 progression levels** (from "new to enterprise" to expert).

The more recent EntreComp into Action[ii] published in 2018, provides a new imagery and provides an accessible route into the framework for a wide range of stakeholders. The guide provides an **easy overview** of EntreComp using simple diagrams to show how the competences relate to each other, suggests routes to accessing the framework and provides a wide range of **case examples, tools and ideas** on how to use it. The full Entrecomp framework can be found in the annex of this guide.

Who is using EntreComp?

The framework is being embraced by organisations and educational institutions supporting enterprise education and entrepreneurial learning across Europe and beyond. There are over 70 examples described in the new document EntreComp into Action and since its publication many more are joining the EntreComp community of practice. For example,

IEEC 2018 Host **Leeds Beckett University** (Enterprise and Operations) have mapped their strategic plan for regional incubation activity against the EntreComp framework to demonstrate how their approach delivers across all of the 15 competences for benefit of all stakeholders.

Entrepreneurial Training for Enterprise Educators (ETEE) Erasmus+ project partners in the Lithuania, Poland, Portugal and UK are using the EntreComp 3 areas competences and the 5 goals identified in the user guide "Entrecomp into Action" to map existing practice.

UK FE **Career Colleges** are putting the spotlight on enterprise this year and using EntreComp to underpin their staff development, as well as support student and employer activities throughout the year.

In China **Venture Education** have aligned their school's programme "Flourish" with the Entrecomp framework and are using it to launch a new school Venture Entrepreneurship Programme.

IEEC2018 Keynote **Jing Zhang** supports HE & vocational staff to create entrepreneurial outcomes in others by anchoring her approach to staff development within Entrecomp and QAA (2018).

Thrive! Erasmus+ funded project is developing materials for educators who teach in the creative industries and want to foster entrepreneurial skills in their learners. The materials are explicitly linked to EntreComp competences and will be available in English, Dutch, German and Spanish.

Get involved!

Share your experiences and examples of using EntreComp on twitter @EntreCompEngage
Join the **EntreCompEngage Facebook community** via the QR code
Adapt and engage Entrecomp by using the new **EntreComp Into Action images** available here: https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/entrecomp/reproduction-reuse

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[i] Bacigalupo, M., Kampylis, P., Punie, Y., & Van den Brande, G. (2016). *EntreComp: The Entrepreneurship Competence Framework*. Luxembourg: Publication Office of the European Union

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