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Subject: France's bid to host the WorldSkills Competition in 2023  
*- Information from the French delegation*

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Delegations will find attached an information note from the French delegation on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under 'Any other business' for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 22 and 23 May 2019.

## **France's bid to host the WorldSkills Competition in 2023**

France wishes to add an item under 'Any other business' to present its bid to host the WorldSkills Competition, which will take place in 2023.

The French city of Lyon is competing with Japan for the honour of organising that event. The next WorldSkills Competitions will be held in Russia (2019) and China (2021).

A decade on from the Leipzig Competition (in 2013), France is keen for this international event, which brings together 80 countries and promotes youth engagement, skills excellence and the quality of professional teaching and training, to return to the European Union.

It would like to strengthen and develop the WorldSkills movement – an incredible springboard for young enthusiasts, who are the best ambassadors for high-quality professional teaching and training with an inclusive focus. This is the vision underpinning its bid.

Since 2018, France has been busy bringing together all the relevant stakeholders and allocating the budget necessary for its bid with a view to extending the best possible welcome to the competitors, their families and the representatives of the WorldSkills movement. The world-famous city of Lyon, which has been chosen to host the competition, is both easy to access and experienced in hosting this type of event.

Under this 'Any other business' item, France wishes to share the objectives of and reasons for its bid to host the WorldSkills Competition in Lyon in 2023; it also wishes to invite Member States to support its bid ahead of the vote to be held this August in Kazan.