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## **Competences: The Role of Higher Education Institutions**

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## **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

The competence-based approach has introduced a paradigm shift into higher education institutions. Contents are no longer the focus, competences are now the corner stone. This implies a profound methodological change and requires new teaching approaches and practices, as well as assessment tools and procedures. All in all, the competence-based approach implantation is very challenging, as there are many factors from different natures hindering its implementation.

From a graduate's employability perspective, companies are also focusing on graduates' soft skills and competences to hire them. There is a gap between high education curriculum and employers' requirements. Therefore, to promote student's employability collaboration between universities and companies is necessary.

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