

# FLASH REPORT

## Event name

## **ETF NETWORK FOR EXCELLENCE (ENE) “CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AS ENGINES FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING DEVELOPMENT” 11 AND 12 MARCH 2021**

## Main objective/s

- continuing the dialogue among Centres of Excellence from ETF partner countries and the EU /Member States (MSs);
- bringing together the ENE network, practitioners, and experts from the partner countries of the ETF and the EU to share results achieved in the first year of implementation of the ENE.
- discussing amongst participants on how ENE can respond to development needs of its members working in partnerships.
- agreeing on actions forward for the network in 2021.

## Background

Building on the launching event of the ETF Network of Excellence (ENE) last 3rd December

<https://openspace.etf.europa.eu/events/etf-network-excellence-launch-conference>, this event aims at continuing the dialogue among centres of excellence from ETF partner countries and the EU.

ENE is unique in being an international network of Centres of Excellence (CoVEs) in the EU neighbourhood<sup>1</sup>. It has 144 CoVEs registered covering 8 EU countries, 15 ETF partner countries and 6 African countries.

The event was organized on two half days to allow for interactivity amongst participants to foster discussion and peer learning and facilitate networking.

The first day the event discussed on results of 2020, sharing from the perspective of centres of excellence and partners the added value of partnership work conducted in the fields of work based

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/publications/centres-vocational-excellence-engine-vocational-education>

learning, autonomy and public-private partnership and the results of the self-assessment conducted as a base line for the network.

The second day focussed on priorities for 2021 including discussing new areas of partnership, learning, knowledge creation and sharing, and the modalities of networking and knowledge exchange to be implemented in the scenario of prolonged travel restrictions.

### SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

As explained above, the even was split in two days to introduce consolidated thematic approaches plus those new which should be developed by ENE team to consolidate expertise in vocational excellence. Overall, participants welcome a lot the event. Working virtual rooms during second day did not run properly in all groups as per technical problems.

### KEY OUTCOMES/CONCLUSIONS

- *The consolidated themes-including self-asseemnt tool- are proving to be as very relevant ones for continuing ENE development and learning among members.*
- *New themes and smart spcialization approaches are also tested as very relevant ones for further engaging members and CoVES in PCs, EU MSs and international level.*
- *The ENE WP 2021 reflects current relevant needs of ENE members, EU and International actors and helps to consolidate ETF ENE as unique network of excellence worldwide.*

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