CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
Skills ecosystems for innovation, regional development, and social inclusion

The international dimension of Centres of vocational excellence

Building a strong international cooperation dimension on Vocational Excellence

Stakeholders’ Consultation meeting

Online meeting, 22 March 2022
The policy context

➢ The EU Treaty – Article 166
  “...foster cooperation with third countries and the competent international organisations...”

➢ The European Education Area
  “Geopolitical dimension” and “Education as part of a stronger Europe in the world”

➢ The Council Recommendation on VET
  “Promoting VET in an international context”, and establishing a target of “8 % of learners in VET benefit from a learning mobility abroad”

➢ The Osnabruck Declaration
  “European Education and Training Area and international dimension of VET”
Erasmus+ mobility of teachers and staff to any country of the world

Capacity building with third countries in the field of VET

CoVEs international collaborative networks of excellence

Cooperation with international organisations
Erasmus+ funding (estimated) for the CoVE initiative 2019-2027

12 Pilot CoVE projects currently being implemented (€33 million)

100 CoVE projects to be supported in the period 2021-2027 (€400 million)
European Training Foundation (ETF) leading the work on the “International Dimension of Vocational Excellence”
Why collaborate closely with the European Training Foundation?

Core mission of the ETF is to support transition and developing countries to harness the potential of their human capital through the reform of education, training, and labour market systems.

Expertise on Vocational Excellence:
- European Agency supporting VET reforms in 29 countries outside the EU
- Delivering expertise on Skills in the context of EU external relations policies
- Highly qualified staff with know-how in vocational excellence
- Launched a very successful “ETF Network of Excellence” offering a platform for continuous exchange of practice among Centres of vocational
- Developed methodological tools to support the development of vocational excellence
The European Commission - ETF
Service Level Agreement (SLA)

**The aim**

Build a strong international cooperation dimension on **Vocational Excellence**

**Four Work Packages:**

1. Creating an international vocational excellence **quality and development tool** *(Self-assessment tool allowing VET institutions to assess and design their path to Excellence)*
2. Explore the feasibility of a **Quality award on Vocational Excellence**
3. **Building evidence** to support vocational excellence for the digital and green transitions
4. **Policy support** activities and **capacity building**

**The contract**

- 24 months contract, starting November 2021
- Deliverables will be integrated in future CoVE support services *(launch 2022)*
More information

Europa Website on CoVE:
https://ec.europa.eu/social/vocational-excellence

The Erasmus+ programme
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

Functional mailbox for all questions related to CoVE calls:
EACEA-EPLUS-VET@ec.europa.eu

Applying for Erasmus+ CoVE funding in the Funding & Tenders Opportunities Portal (FTOP)

Finding partners for CoVE projects:
➢ Use the “Partner search announcements” in FTOP
➢ The Center of Vocational Excellence Match Making Map
https://www.wearekatapult.eu/cove-match-making-map/
➢ European Training Foundation (ETF) Network for Excellence (ENE)
➢ Contact European Associations of VET Providers (e.g. EVTA, EVBB, EfVET, EUproVET, EURASHE, EUCEN)
https://hub.vet4eu2.eu/blog/2021/04/27/vet-european-networking-enhancement/