



CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Skills ecosystems for innovation, regional development, and social inclusion



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**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



Cooperation with international organisations



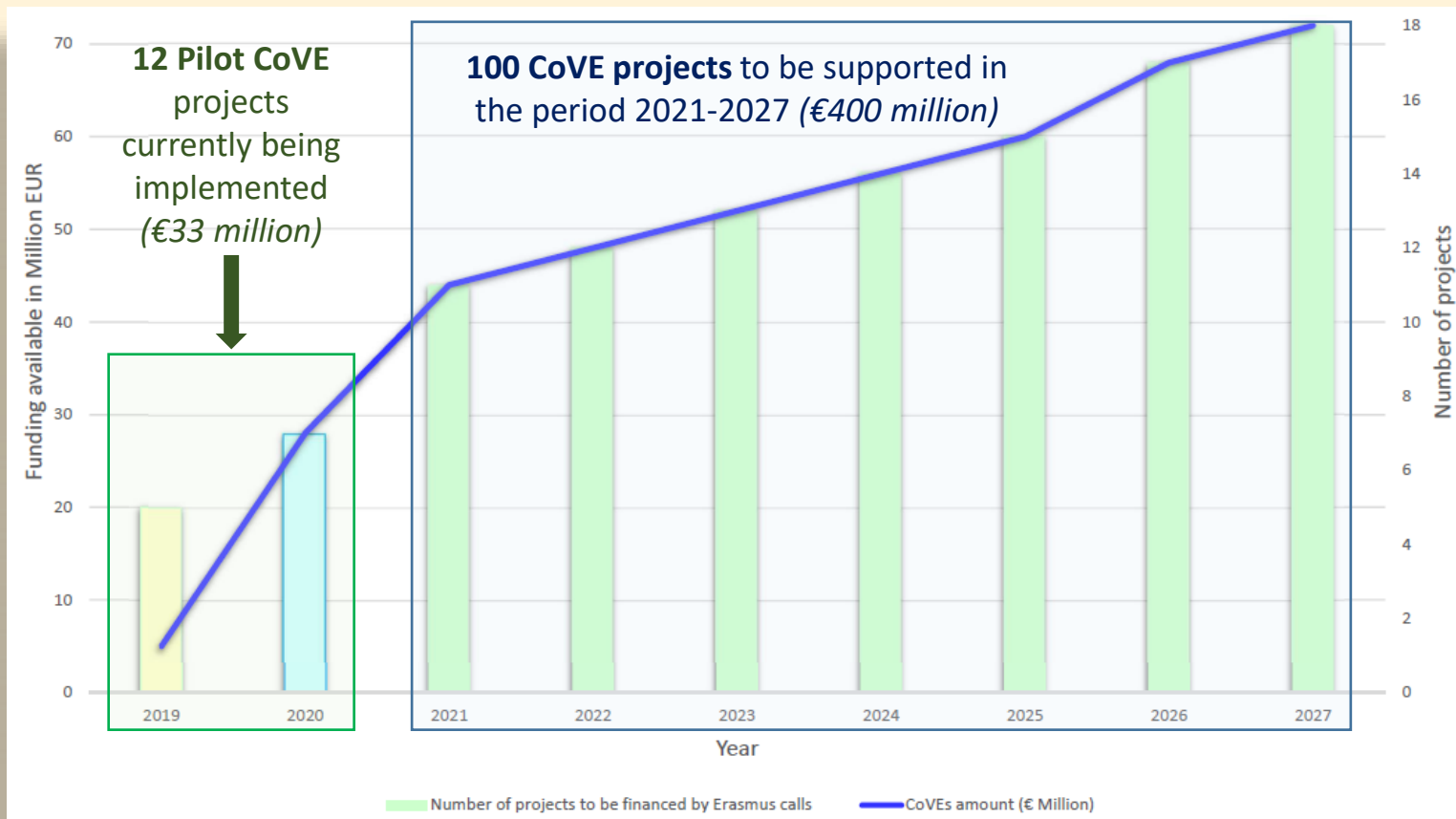
Capacity building with third countries in the field of VET



CoVEs international collaborative networks of excellence



Erasmus+ funding (estimated) for the CoVE initiative 2019-2027



European Training Foundation (ETF) leading the work on the “International Dimension of Vocational Excellence”



Why collaborate closely with the European Training Foundation?

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en>

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**

The Deliverables

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:

FACEA-EPLUS-VET@ec.europa.eu

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

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2022-pex-cove>



Finding partners for CoVE projects:

- Use the “**Partner search announcements**” in FTOP
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2022-pex-cove>
- The Center of Vocational Excellence **Match Making Map**
<https://www.wearekatapult.eu/cove-match-making-map/>
- **European Training Foundation (ETF) Network for Excellence (ENE)**
<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/projects-campaigns/projects/vocational-excellence>
- 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/>

