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EMPOWERING A JUST TRANSITION: COVES DRIVING GREEN SKILLS, EMPLOYMENT, AND REGIONAL GROWTH

18 OCTOBER 2023, 12:00 – 14:45 WEBINAR

ETFs global Network for Excellence – **ENE** - supports vocational excellence development together with more than 300 centres of vocational excellence (CoVEs) from more than 40 countries.

ENEs green partnership, **GRETA** - Greening Responses to Excellence through Thematic Actions, support CoVEs in their efforts to contribute to the greening of VET as response to the green and digital transition.

In this green webinar, conducted in collaboration with **Priority Area 9 ‘People and Skills’** of the **Danube Region Strategy**, we place spotlight on the critical role of vocational excellence in achieving a **just transition and** in which CoVEs play a vital role in steering towards a green future.

We will have presentations from the **European Commission** and the **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development** on the EU policies and funding mechanisms for just transition.

We will look into the skills dimension of an ambitious **CO2 reduction vision initiative** implemented through a green regional partnership in **North Jutland, Denmark**. And we will have experience sharing from **Moldova** on public private partnerships in the construction sector and presentation from **Ukraine**.

Also, we take deep dive into **green skills programs** from **Ireland and the UN Environment Programmes**.

Key takeaways:

- Insights in Just Transition policies and updates on **European Union and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development measures**
- Just transition example based on **innovative regional partnerships** for CO2 reduction
- Practice examples of **green skills programmes** in the construction sector and for energy efficiency from Ireland, Ukraine and the UN Environment Programme
- Insights into priorities of **greening of VET in the Danube Region** based on interim results of the online survey of the **Danube Region Platform on Centres of Vocational Excellence**

Join us in this session as we explore the impact and transformative potential of CoVEs in driving vocational excellence for a just transition towards a green future.



For more information on GRETA please visit GRETA's webpage: [Going green: GRETA | ETF \(europa.eu\)](https://goinggreen.greta.etf.europa.eu) or contact Susanne M. Nielsen at ETF_smn@etf.europa.eu.

For more information on the Danube Region Platform please visit the webpage (<https://peopleandskills.danube-region.eu/>) or contact Jakob Weiss at jakob.weiss@oead.at.

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Time	Activity	Speaker/s and support
12:00 – 12:15	<p>Welcome and agenda</p> <p>ENE – ETF Network for Excellence - GRETA – Greening Responses to Excellence through Thematic Actions</p> <p>Danube Region Platform on Centres of Vocational Excellence – Supporting green transition and building prosperity</p>	<p>Susanne M. Nielsen, Lead Expert for GRETA, ETF</p> <p>Jürgen Schick, Deputy Head of Department, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, Austria</p>
12:15 – 12:30	<p>Ensuring a fair transition towards climate neutrality – skills aspects</p>	<p>Vera Leuner, Policy Officer DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>A Just transition – in practice</p> <p>North Denmark Region project: CO2Vision: Rewriting the legacy of CO2</p> <p>Carbon capture, utilisation and storage</p>	<p>Eva Thornberg, Project Leader</p> <p>Morten Drivsholm, Enterprise relation consultant,</p> <p>Business Hub Northen Denmark</p>
13:00 – 13:15	<p>Just transition – the approach of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</p>	<p>Mariam Kobalia Principal, Access to Skills and Employment</p> <p>EBRD</p>
13:15 – 13:30	<p>Ukraine – part of the Danube Region Strategy</p> <p>A green rebuild of Ukraine</p> <p>Skills needs and CoVEs approaches</p>	<p>Iryna Shumik Director Ministry of Education and Science, Ukraine (tbc)</p>
13:30 – 13:35 Short comfort break		
13:35 – 13:45	<p>Supporting the greening of VET in the Danube Region</p> <p>Interim results of the online survey on priorities in greening VET of the members of the Danube Region Platform on Centres of Vocational Excellence</p>	<p>Jakob Weiss, Project Coordinator of Priority Area 9, Austria (OeAD)</p>
13:45 – 13:55	<p>Practice case: Building Skills for the Construction Sector through regional partnerships</p> <p>Center of Excellence in Construction</p>	<p>Lilia Zestrea, Head of Life Long Learning Department</p> <p>Moldova</p>
13:55 – 14:15	<p>Deep dive into green skills programmes – Practice Example</p>	<p>Jo Cahalin, Manager, Future Building Skills,</p>

	Education and Training Boards - Training for range of construction careers	Education and Training Boards, Ireland
14.15 – 14.30	Deep dive into green skills programmes – Practice Example UN Environment Skills Programme – Building skills for Energy Efficiency.	Talat Munshi , Senior Advisor UN Environment Programme
14:30 – 14:45	Closure – and what’s next in the Danube Region, GRETA and ENE	Jürgen Schick , Deputy Head of Department, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, Austria Susanne M. Nielsen , Lead Expert for GRETA (ETF) Jose Manuel Galvin Arribas , Thematic Coordinator for ENE (ETF)