

AGENDA

TITLE:

Winter Camp on Vocational Excellence

'...and this is how VET saved the (human) world – Learners' journey in a CoVE'

SUMMARY:

We are delighted to have you as participant in the first Winter Camp on Vocational Excellence, titled: “...and this is how VET saved the (human) world – Learners' Journey in a CoVE”. The Camp is organised as part of the EU funded project Internationalising Vocational Excellence implemented by the European Training Foundation (ETF). Talentjourney, GreenoVET and PoVE Water, three experienced Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) have prepared the interesting and interactive programme for the next days. During these days they will share their experiences, tools and other tips. The Camp is organised in close cooperation with EfVET, EVBB and EVTA.

The focus of the Camp will be on enhancing learning experiences by using innovative teaching and learning methods, building effective partnerships and establishing robust governance and funding mechanisms.

What will you get out of this journey?

By the end of the camp, you will have gained valuable knowledge and skills that will enable you to

- **Create impactful learning experiences:** Learn to actively solve regional challenges and design teaching practices that engage young minds. Promote deep, meaningful learning in inclusive, adaptable environments that meet diverse student needs.
- **Build powerful partnerships:** Learn to identify and sustain strategic collaborations that enhance learners' ability to solve regional challenges. Use these partnerships to design engaging teaching practices and promote meaningful learning in inclusive, adaptable environments that meet diverse student needs.
- **Drive sustainable change through governance and funding:** apply effective governance and funding structure to support impactful learning and strong partnerships. Ensure sustainable growth in vocational education by aligning resources with practices to support students' needs and interests, motivate them to engage, and to address regional challenges, as well as create inclusive learning environments.

Day 1, Monday, 10.2.2025: Teaching and Learning

Focus Areas: “Agile” skills, Teacher upskilling, Problem-solving approach and Applied research in VET, Personalization of learning path, Inclusion

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
8.30 – 9.00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:20	<p>Opening session: Welcome by: Director of Solski Center Nova Gorica and Head of Intercompany Training Centre Georgios Zisimos – Head of HCD Policy Advice Unit at the ETF</p> <p>Introduction to the programme</p>	Moderator Day 1: Bojan Jovanovski
09:20 - 10:05	<p>Survival guide and icebreaker session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive activities to help participants get to know each other • Call for 6 volunteers for recap 	Icebreaker –Boško Praštalo
10:05 - 10.25	Importance of CoVEs for the future	Georgios Zisimos Jolien van Uden ETF
10:25 - 10.35	The Teaching and Learning Dimension of Vocational Excellence: Your scores!	Doriana Monteleone ETF
10.35 - 10.50	Coffee break	
10.50 - 11:20	<p>Keynote sessions 1: The importance of networking in teaching and learning</p> <p>The importance of networking in teaching and learning lies in its ability to connect educators, learners, and industry professionals, fostering a collaborative environment that supports innovation and growth. Strategic networking enhances personalized learning paths, promotes inclusive practices, and builds meaningful relationships, enriching the educational journey and preparing learners for success in the real world.</p>	Boško Praštalo
11:20 - 12:20	<p>Workshop session 1: “Agile” skills provision & Teacher upskilling</p> <p>To help participants understand how regular updating and developing skills within curricula and teacher upskilling can impact students' learning experiences and prepare them for dynamic evolving career paths</p>	Adrijana Hodak
12:20 - 13:25	Lunch break	
13.30 – 14:10	Reception at the municipality	Samo Turel, Mayor
14.20 - 14.50	Networking part 2	Boško Praštalo

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14:50- 16:00	<p>Workshop session 2: Personalization of learning pathways and inclusion in VET</p> <p>Enable participants to explore effective methods and tools for personalizing learning pathways while addressing strategies for inclusive education, fostering an environment that meets diverse learner needs, enhances engagement, and promotes equity.</p>	Tibor Dori Teja Puc Dean Horvat
16:00 - 16:15	Coffee break	
16:15 – 17:00	Visit ŠCNG Makerspace and solve a challenge	
17:00 – 17:45	<p>Best practices session 1: Applied research in VET</p> <p>To demonstrate best practices in applied research for vocational education and training (VET), addressing regional and global challenges and opportunities, and generating value for individuals, the economy, and the environment with innovative solutions.</p>	Nataša Kristan Primšar Miriam Korstanje Boudewijn Grievink
17:45 – 18:00	Wrap up of the day!	Georgios Zisimos ETF & Theodor Grassos (EVBB) Bojan Jovanovski
19:00	<p>Welcome dinner</p> <p>An evening dinner will be organised for all participants, hosted by ETF</p>	

Day 2, Tuesday, 11.2.2025: Partnership and Cooperation

Focus Areas: Building Effective Partnerships, Business Canvas Model, Leveraging Networks

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
09:15 - 09:30	<p>Start of the day!</p> <p>Recap of day 1 Introduction to day 2 on Partnership and Cooperation with ISATCOVE results</p>	Doriana Monteleone & Jolien van Uden ETF Volunteer rapporteurs Moderator Day 2: Ms Tjaša Petelin Bačar
09:30 - 10:15	<p>Keynote session 2: Introduction into how to build an effective partnership</p> <p>To equip participants with strategic tools for building effective partnerships in vocational education, focusing on the Business Model Canvas (BMC) as a practical framework.</p>	Miriam Korstanje
10:15 - 10.45	Coffee break	
10:45 – 11:55	Workshop session 3: Mapping stakeholders	Boudewijn Grievink

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	To enhance participants' skills in building and maintaining partnerships with businesses and the community by mapping stakeholders, identifying needs and prioritising engagement through interactive exercises and strategic tools.	
11:55 - 13:05	Lunch break	
13:05 - 13:50	<p>Workshop session 4: Design value proposition</p> <p>To guide participants in designing a compelling value proposition by using the empathy map exercise to understand stakeholder perspectives and formulate targeted value propositions.</p>	Miriam Korstanje
13:50 - 14:40	<p>Workshop session 5: Cross-Sector Collaboration</p> <p>To strengthen cross-sector collaboration by emphasizing the role of multi-actor engagement in fostering innovation and enhancing VET impact. Participants will explore practical examples from CoVEs, map activities using the Business Model Canvas (BMC), and practice pitching their values.</p>	Boudewijn Grievink
14:40 – 14:55	Wrap up of the day and instruction company visits	Georgios Zisimos ETF & Giulia Meschino EVTA & Tjaša Petelin Bačar
14:55 - 15:10	Coffee break	
15:10 - 17:00	<p>Best practices session 2: Leveraging networks</p> <p>Participants will select one of the following companies to visit:</p> <p>Intra Lighting d.o.o. https://www.intra-lighting.com/ Intra Lighting d.o.o. is a global provider of architectural luminaires and smart lighting solutions, recognized as one of the most important players in the lighting market. The company offers a wide range of products designed to enhance architectural spaces, focusing on innovation, quality, and energy efficiency. Their solutions are utilized in various applications, including commercial, residential, and public spaces, aiming to improve both functionality and aesthetics through advanced lighting technologies.</p> <p>Business Solutions d.o.o. https://www.b-s.eu/ Business Solutions d.o.o. is a leading provider of business information systems, specializing in digital transformation for finance, project management, production, and warehouse operations. Established in 1999, the company is a certified Microsoft Partner and expert in Microsoft Dynamics 365, Microsoft 365, and Azure. With over 700 successful implementations and proprietary solutions like AllForUtility and Power WMS, Business Solutions serves private and public sectors across Slovenia and internationally. Headquartered in Solkan, Slovenia, the company also operates in Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Italy.</p>	

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Evening	<p>Participants will have free time to network further and explore notable events and attractions in Nova Gorica and Gorizia.</p> <p>A curated list of city events and activities will be shared with participants in advance, ensuring they can make the most of their visit.</p>	

Day 3, Wednesday, 12.2.2025: Governance and Funding

Focus Areas: Effective governance structures, Sustainable funding models, Policy frameworks and compliance

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09:15 - 09:30	<p>Start of the day! Recap of day 2 Introduction to day 3 on Governance and Funding with ISATCOVE results</p>	<p>Jolien van Uden & Doriana Monteleone ETF Volunteer rapporteurs</p> <p>Moderators Day 3: Boudewijn Grievink, Miriam Korstanje</p>
09:30 - 10:45	<p>Keynote session 3: Effective partnership models</p> <p>To explore effective partnership models by presenting governance structures in VET at both institutional and regional CoVE levels, highlighting best practices for sustainable collaboration.</p> <p>Sharing experiences</p> <p>To provide opportunity for participants to share their experiences with variety of partnership models both effective and non-effective.</p>	<p>Bojan Jovanovski, Trajce Velkovski</p>
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee break	
10:45 - 12:00	<p>Workshop session 6: Sustainable Funding Models (part 1)</p> <p>To explore sustainable funding models by understanding different funding types, sources, and financial strategies for long-term success in VET initiatives.</p>	<p>Bojan Jovanovski, Trajce Velkovski</p>
12:00 - 13:10	Lunch	
13:10 - 14:00	<p>Workshop session 6: Sustainable Funding Models (part 2)</p>	<p>Bojan Jovanovski, Trajce Velkovski</p>
14:00 - 14:45	<p>Workshop session 7: Financial Sustainability Tool</p>	

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	To introduce and explore the Financial Sustainability Tool designed for managing VET institution finances, enabling participants to apply strategic financial planning and ensure long-term stability.	
14:45 - 15:00	Coffee break	
15:00 - 16:45	<p>Best practices session 3: Governance models</p> <p>To explore the diverse governance models in VET across Europe through a panel discussion, highlighting best practices, challenges, and strategies for effective institutional and regional governance.</p>	<p>Moderator: Trajce Velkovski</p> <p>Panelists: Adrijana Hodak Miriam Korstanje Tjaša Petelin Bačar Boudewijn Grievink Bojan Jovanovski</p>
16:45 - 17:00	Wrap up of the day!	Georgios Zisimos ETF, Paolo Nardi (EfVET) & Boudewijn Grievink
19:00	<p>Celebration dinner!</p> <p>Dinner offered by EfVET EVBB and EVTA to strengthen the friendships and celebrate the achievements of the Winter Camp</p>	

Day 4, Thursday, 13.2.2025: The development plan

The focus of today is on the development plan. What actions would you like to implement in your centre to further enhance vocational excellence.

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09:15 - 09:30	<p>Start of the day!</p> <p>Recap of day 3 Introduction to day 4</p>	Doriana Monteleone & Jolien van Uden ETF Volunteer rapporteurs
09:30 - 10:00	<p>Looking forward: Writing a development plan</p> <p>An introduction to the development plan template and the importance of the development plan as part of the self-assessment process</p>	Domagoj Švigir
10:00 - 10.30	<p>Harvesting ideas</p> <p>Collective reflection on all the ideas collected during the previous three days and individual write up of first ideas for the development plan.</p>	Doriana Monteleone & Jolien van Uden ETF

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10:30 - 10.45	Coffee break	
10:45 - 11:45	<p>Strengthening ideas!</p> <p>Group discussions to receive peer-feedback on the ideas for the development plan and to identify common areas of work and challenges.</p>	ETF, EfVET, EVBB, EVTA with advice from the experts
11:45 - 12:15	<p>Challenges and support!</p> <p>Reporting back on the common activities of work and challenges and discussing together how we can support each other in enhancing vocational excellence.</p>	Rapporteurs from the groups
12:15 - 12:45	<p>The VET Catalogue</p> <p>Reflections on the camp Lessons learned/ideas for the VET Catalogue</p>	Giulia Meschino - EVTA
12:45 - 13:00	Closing remarks and next steps	Georgios Zisimos ETF