



European cooperation in the field of vocational education and training

ACVT and DGVT

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The policy framework

POLICY DRIVE

- European Pillar of Social Rights
- European Skills Agenda
- European Education Area
- Council Recommendation on VET

Member States & social partners
ACVT, DGVT

Policy setting

Osnabrück Declaration (2021-2025)
Council Recommendation on Quality and Effective Apprenticeships
Council Recommendation on Upskilling Pathways
Council Recommendation on Graduate Tracking
Council Recommendation on European Qualifications Framework
Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on Europass
Council Recommendation on Validation of Non-formal and Informal Learning

Policy initiatives

European Alliance for Apprenticeships,
Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE),
Pact for Skills

Evidence and Analysis

Cedefop,
European Training foundation,
Joint Research Centre, Eurostat

Support Services and mutual learning

Apprenticeship support services
Support services for quality assurance, flexibility of VET and graduate tracking
Support Services for Pact for Skills

Stakeholder engagement and dialogue
VET providers, VET researchers, Parents,
Learners (*European Apprentices Network*)

FUNDING INSTRUMENTS

- Recovery and Resilience Facility
- REACT-EU
- ESF+
- Erasmus+
- InvestEU
- Just Transition Fund

European semester

Advisory Committee on Vocational Training (ACVT)

Mission/Role

Since its creation in 1963, and in accordance with [Council Decision 2004/223/CE](#), the ACVT has the task of **assisting the Commission** in implementing a Union vocational education and training policy; it covers de facto the broader field of **VET and adult learning, skills and qualifications**



Tripartite composition

- Representatives of Member States' governments (max. 2) and social partners (trade unions and employers – 1 each), nominated by the countries (members and alternates) ► 3 interest groups
- Also invited (observer status): European cross-industry social partners, EU agencies (Cedefop, ETF), EEA and EU candidate countries, Switzerland, European VET provider associations, OBESSU, Eurochambres, OECD
- Mandate of members and alternates = 3 years ► formal nomination round; replacement possible at any time

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Meetings

- 2/year, chaired by Commission: June (in-person), November/December (online)
- Agenda prepared by ACVT Bureau: Commission, 5 rotating presidencies (past, current and 3 future), European cross-industry social partners, Cedefop and ETF
- Commission decides on final agenda
- Activities of ACVT and DGVT are closely coordinated, notably through the ACVT Bureau



Rules of Procedure

- Last revision in 2021 (see [CIRCABC](#))
- Defines (permanent) observers (including CCs)

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Activities/added value

- Information sharing
- Advising the Commission: mostly informal (ACVT meetings, but also webinars, etc.) + formal opinions (ACVT Bureau as drafting group)
- Monitoring of implementation (VET Recommendation and Osnabrück Declaration (Cedefop/ETF); Upskilling Pathways; EFQEA; EEA working groups)
- Exchange of views/experiences, mutual learning to foster implementation of EU policies at national level

CIRCABC

- Repository of all documents related to the ACVT meetings, i.e.: invitations, agendas, minutes, supporting documents and presentations
- Open to all citizens (transparency of Commission expert groups), but request for access needed



Directors-General for VET (DGVT)

Role

- The main role is to **support the development and implementation of VET and AL policies and the follow-up of the priorities established in the framework of the Copenhagen Process** (since 2020 through the Council Recommendation on VET and the Osnabrück Declaration). The Copenhagen Process is governed by the DGVT.
- Provides a **forum to discuss on-going policy initiatives at European level**, a platform for the host country to present their national VET priorities/reforms and hearing the views of the European social partners.
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Meetings

- The DGVT meetings are informal and composed by high-level civil servants responsible for VET and AL in the participating countries (EU MS, 9 Candidate and 4 EEA countries) and the 4 EU-level Social Partners (ETUC, BusinessEurope, SGI Europe, SMEunited).
- The DGVTs meet every 6 months, once during each EU presidency. Prepared and co-chaired by presidency and Commission.
- DGVT meetings can benefit of co-financing of 80% by the Erasmus+ fund, for a maximum of EUR 50.000 per presidency.

Expert Group - Associations of VET providers

Background

The Commission expert group **Platform of European Associations of VET Providers** was created in **2015** to create a **structured dialogue at European level with VET providers** and providers of vocational and professional education at higher levels. See [Commission Register of expert groups](#).

Main purpose

To advice and support DG EMPL in the field of VET, to allow its members to exchange, share and inform the Commission of the initiatives and projects at EU level in which the associations are involved and to discuss the latest developments related to the European VET policy.

Members and meetings

- The expert group is composed of 6 European associations covering most EU countries and levels of VET: EfVET, EVBB, EUproVET, EVTA, EURASHE, EUCEN.
- 3 meetings per year (2 online, 1 in person)



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