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STATUS AND ROLE OF CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE (CoVEs)

- Centres of Vocational Excellence are high-potential VET institutions empowered to organise vocational training programmes at different levels, including integrated programmes.
- They hold additional responsibilities in building the systemic capacity of VET institutions.
- They are mandated to enhance the capacity of CoVEs to fully perform their functions, including technology transfer and innovation activities.

Training at ISCED levels 3,
4 and 5

Post-secondary and non-
tertiary post-secondary
vocational education and
training and
secondary vocational
education and training

Training of master trainers,
technicians, technologists,
medical and pharmaceutical
personnel, including initial
and continuing training of
skilled workers

- Centres of Vocational Excellence were established in 2015.
- Ministerial Order No. 795/2019 approving the specialisation areas of the Centres of Vocational Excellence ([link](#))
- Ministerial Order No. 824/2024 on the regulation of the operation and organisation of VET institutions ([link](#))

ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Innovation and technology transfer hubs
- Bridges between the economic sector and affiliated colleges and upper-secondary VET schools
- Support centres for VET teachers and in-company trainers
- Centres for continuous professional development of VET system staff
- Support hubs for the VET institutional network
- Platforms for the development of qualification standards, teaching, training and methodological materials
- Lifelong learning and training centres
- Competence validation centres for learning acquired in non-formal and informal settings
- Promoters of the VET system

14 CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOLDOVAN CLASSIFICATION OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPORT
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN SERVICES AND THE FOOD INDUSTRY
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN LIGHT INDUSTRY
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN ENERGY AND ELECTRONICS
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE AND PHARMACY “RAISA PACALO”
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN ARTS EDUCATION “ȘTEFAN NEAGA”
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN HORTICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN VITICULTURE AND WINEMAKING
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN BORDER SECURITY
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN AESTHETICS

**8 Centres
of Vocational Excellence
in Moldova
are members of the
ETF Network for Excellence**



Budget Support Programme 2014–2017	Support for the implementation of the VET Strategy (2013–2020), including the modernisation and upgrading of Centres of Vocational Excellence
Twinning Project “Enhancing the Quality and Efficiency of the VET System in the Republic of Moldova” (2019–2021)	Support for institutional capacity building, development of the National Qualifications Framework, and pedagogical training for VET teachers in the Centres of Vocational Excellence.
European Training Foundation (ETF)	Evidence-based analysis of human capital development challenges, implementation of the Torino Process since 2010, assessment of skills mismatches, skills forecasting, development of the NQF, digitalisation policies, support for CoVEs, and more.

COOP-NET

A cooperation framework for the network of Centres of Vocational Excellence in Moldova

Implementation plans for CoVEs' functions and responsibilities in relation to affiliated institutions

Organisational structures within CoVEs responsible for network-level cooperation
Centres capable of leveraging the institutional network's opportunities

- Career guidance fairs
- Coordination of qualification examinations
- Upskilling/reskilling programmes and new micro-qualifications
- Development of digital competences for teachers - Centre of Excellence in Information Technologies
- Development of green skills and new qualifications - Centre of Excellence in Construction, Centre of Excellence in Energy and Electronics

Thank you for your attention!