



VET tendencies, support projections and cooperation options







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## CEDEFOP study 2015-2017

The Changing role and nature of VET in Europe

3rd Meeting ECVET Network - 23rd ECVET Users' Group meeting



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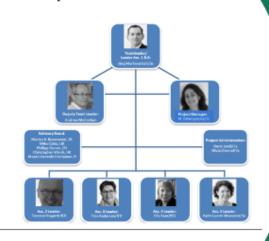


# Erasmus!

## Cedefop's research partners

#### A core team from:

Austria (3S), Denmark (DTI), Estonia (Tallinn University), Italy (FGB) and the UK (IES)



More than 100 national experts from 30 countries

## Statistics of VET enrolment

### National trends

#### Remarkable growth

(Hungary, Portugal, Spain, Greece) although from a low base.

#### Moderate growth

(Austria Finland, Netherlands, Sweden)

#### Significant or moderate decline

(Germany, France, UK), although from a high base.

#### OVERALL: Growth or stability

in the majority of European countries.

#### **IVET upholds its position**

relative to general upper secondary education.

## Future of VET option 1



The position of VET in the wider E&T system?

A clearly defined sub-sector of the education and training system

VET is organised around occupations/professions

Who is VET for?

What type of pathways?

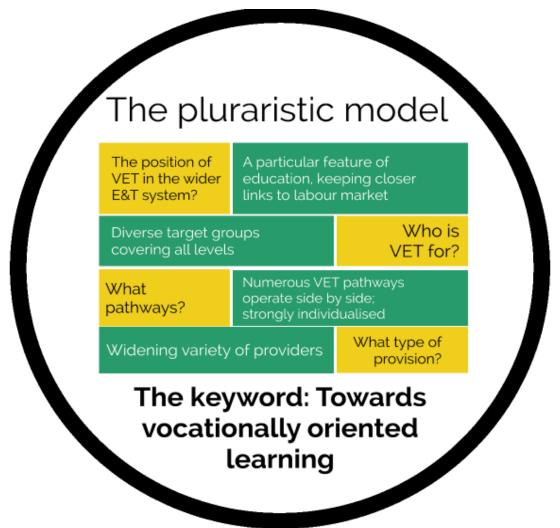
Apprenticeships as the 'gold standard', offered up to level 8.

Employer led provision

What type of provision?

The keyword: modernized version of 'vocational training'

## Future of VET option 2



## **CEDEFOP study 2016-2018**

### The VET survey

The trends of ...

Past Future

Shift towards learning outcomes

Removal of dead-ends

Growth of HVET

Increased work-based elements

Decreasing numbers of training places

Enhanced responsiveness to labour market needs













## CEDEFOP study 2016-2018

# VET at higher levels (EQF 5-8)

### A broadening conception of VET:

- Rising importance of VET at postsecondary level
- A 'vocational drift': more practice and work based elements in existing HE courses
- New VET-oriented institutions outside the traditional HE/University sector

## CEDEFOP study 2016-2018

# Issues & tensions:

- A need for practice and work based learning at higher levels
- Better balance: theoretical knowledge and practical skills/competences

The growing importance of HVET: most significant change.
BUT it needs:

- More VISIBILITY!
- More PERMEABILITY, less DEAD-ENDS!

### **More from CEDEFOP.....** The changing future and role of VET in Europe

### \_earn more ...

#### Final conference: November 7-8, Vienna

Visit the project page:

http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/events-and-projects/ projects/changing-nature-and-role-vocational-educationand-training-vet-europe



role of vocational education and training in Europe



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The changing nature and role of vocational education and training in Europe

## **ERASMUS** budget

### **Enriching lives, opening minds**

through EU-funded learning opportunities abroad, partnerships, support to reform

2014 - 2020

147 billion EUR

Opportunities abroad for over million people



2021 - 2027

30 billion EUR

Opportunities abroad for over million people



# A broader and forward looking ERASMUS 2021-2027

- New ambitious formats of cooperation, such as European Universities and Centres of Vocational Excellence
- Extending international dimension to new sectors, such as vocational education and training





## **Erasmus+ Programme countries**

- Member States of the European Union (EU) 27
- Non-EU Programme Countries 6:

North Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, Serbia

- Neighbouring Partner Countries:
- Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro);
- II. Eastern Partnership Countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine as recognised by international law);
- III. Russian Federation (Territory of Russia as recognised by international law);
- IV. South-Mediterranean countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel6, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia)
- Other Partner Countries of the world



# Actions of the Programme 2021-2027

### **Policy development**

- quality, transparency and recognition of skills and competences
- policy dialogue and cooperation with stakeholders
- cooperation with other EU instruments and support to other policy areas
- dissemination and awareness-raising activities

### Cooperation

- partnerships for cooperation, including small-scale partnerships
- partnerships for excellence, including European universities,
   Centres of Vocational Excellence, Joint Master Degrees
- partnerships for innovation





## Centers of vocational excellence

### Objective of the support

Initiative will support the development of trans-national platforms of centres of vocational excellence closely integrated in local and regional strategies for growth, innovation and competitiveness, while supporting overall structural changes and economic policies in the European Union





# Call for Proposals EACEA 33/2019 Centres of Vocational Excellence

- Call announced in October
- Projects to be started from 2020 October
- Total available budget 20 million euros
- Eligible activities Clusters 1-3
  - 1 Teaching and learning
  - 2 Cooperation and partnerships
  - 3 Governance and funding
- Maximum grant per project 4 million euros





## Call for Proposals EACEA 33/2019 Centres of Vocational Excellence

### Project must include:

- At least 8 partners from min 4 Erasmus+ countries
- Each country must be presented by at least by:
  - √ 1 company, industry or sector representative
  - ✓1 VET provider
- EU financial contribution 80%
- Deadline for submission 20 February 2020 17:00
   BRX time





# ERASMUS+ «usual» support actions for 2020- 2022 (from WP 2020)

**Key Action 1 – Learning mobility of individuals** 

#### **Key Action 2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices**

- a) Strategic Partnerships
- b) Alliances (European Universities; Knowledge Alliances; Sector Skills Alliances);

#### **New priority from 2019**

formulating the principles of interaction between Erasmus+ programme, skills organisations and skills competitions

#### Partnerships to

- 1. to establish and/or further develop national, regional and sectoral skills competitions organisations, as a form of raising the attractiveness and excellence in VET.
- 2. to develop and support the practical arrangements for the preparation, **training and participation of VET learners and staff** in international, national, regional and sectoral skills competitions, while **working closely together with businesses**, **VET providers**, **chambers and other relevant stakeholders**.



# Strategic Partnership Projects granted for 2019-2021 in Skills priority

- 1) **Poland** (3), Hungary, Cyprus 309 710 EUR
- 2) Netherlands, UK (2), Finland, Spain 84 840 EUR
- 3) Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia 109 480 EUR
- 4) Finland, Netherlands, Ireland, Island, France-88 471 EUR
- 5) Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia 81 720 EUR





# Activities supported in Strategic Partnerships (excerpt)

- activities that strengthen the cooperation and networking between organisations;
- testing and/or implementation of innovative practices in the field of education, training and youth;
- activities that facilitate the recognition and validation of knowledge, skills and competences acquired through formal, non-formal and informal learning;





## Learning/ teaching/ training activities

Strategic Partnerships may also organise **transnational learning, teaching and training activities** of individuals, in so far as they bring added value in the achievement of the project's objectives.

### Learning, teaching and training activities can be:

- **Short term** (3 days to 2 months, excluding travel days)
- Long term (2 to 12 months)





## Participating organisations

- Strategic Partnership involves minimum three
   organisations from three different Programme Countries.
- There is no maximum number of participating organisations.
- However, the budget for project management and implementation is capped (and equivalent to 10 participating organisations).
- All participating organisations must be identified at the time of applying for a grant
- Project length 12-36 months





## Strategic Partnerships: innovation

Expected to develop **innovative outputs**, and/or engage into intensive dissemination and exploitation activities of existing and newly produced products or innovative ideas.

### Skills Alliances (centralised)

Aim to foster strategic cooperation between key players in higher education and vocational education and training, business and research – the "knowledge triangle" – to foster innovation and modernisation of education and training systems in identifying and supplying the right set of skills, knowledge and competences to match the future labour market demand)





### In 2018 EC granted 18 Skills Alliances Projects

- In Manufacturing, Cloud based services, Design, Water technology, Electronics, Crafts, Environment, Air transport, Tourism, Bio-economy and Agriculture, Defence technologies, Energy digitalisation, Micro-electronics
- 800 000 4 million euros
- Many involves one or more European Associations



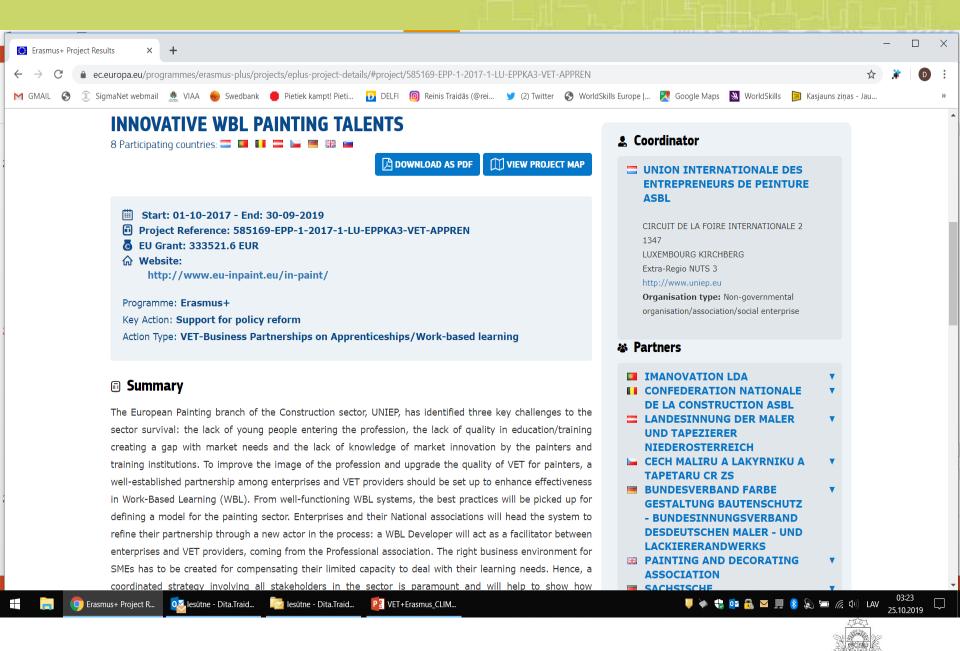


# European Sector Association grant sample

- http://www.eu-inpaint.eu/objective-partners/
- https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplus-project-details/#project/585169-EPP-1-2017-1-LU-EPPKA3-VET-APPREN
- Start: 01-10-2017 End: 30-09-2019
- Project Reference: 585169-EPP-1-2017-1-LU-EPPKA3-VET-APPREN
- EU Grant: 333 521.6 EUR
- Website:http://www.eu-inpaint.eu/in-paint/
- Programme: Erasmus+
- Key Action: Support for policy reform
- Action Type: VET-Business Partnerships on Apprenticeships/Workbased learning
- 8 partners











### WSE and our proposal to Sector Organisations

- WSE is collective voice for skills excellence and development of vocational and technological careers for Europe's youth
- WSE family is growing rapidly, known as European platform of "Promotion of Skills Excellence and Development"
- We have mutual values to deliver
- We propose cooperation for:
  - I. Shaping occupational standards and/or
  - II. Test project development
  - III. INDEPENDENT / THIRD PARTY ASSESSMENT
  - IV. Connect and share





# What are desired activities fitting in and for «Erasmus Project»

- Assist WSE to present your skill as a modern state of the art skill at EuroSkills
- Identify what is the most appropriate thing to do for the future of your sector with the help of Erasmus and WSE
- Join forces with Worldskills Europe organisation and family (members)
- Review the WS Standard Specification in your Skill does it reflect your sector needs?
- Assist in drafting Test Projects for measuring excellence of young professionals in EuroSkills competition
- LV Erasmus+ can serve a Project designing seminar or assist in any other way



## Thank you

Erasmus+ Grant scheme is a jungle of bureaucracy and it is extra work and management,

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