

#EUVocationalSkills #EUVocationalExcellence

Centres of Vocational Excellence

"Skills ecosystems" for innovation, regional development, and smart specialisation

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Vocational education and training is more important than ever. Providing people with the skills they need and that help them find a quality job, is one of our central responses to the recovery, and key for the green and digital transitions. Our initiatives on vocational excellence will continue to be based on innovation, transnational collaboration and social fairness.

#EUSkillsAgenda #EUBridgetoJobs Nicolas Schmit
Commissioner | Jobs and Social Rights



Skills The policy context (2020)



Commission Communication: "European Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience"



July 2020 #EUSkillsAgenda

Council Recommendation: On <u>vocational education and training</u> for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience



Achieving the
EUROPEAN EDUCATION AREA
by 2025

Education is essential to the vitality
of European society and economy.
The European Education Area alms
to bring to the education and
training communities the
support they need to fulfil
their fundamental mission,
in challenging and exciting times."

Commission Communication on the European Education Area

Commission Communication: A <u>New Industrial Strategy</u> for Europe

SME STRATEGY March 2020 #EUIndustrialStrategy

Commission Communication: "An <u>SME Strategy</u> for a sustainable and digital Europe"



A new Industrial Strategy for a globally competitive

green and digital Europe

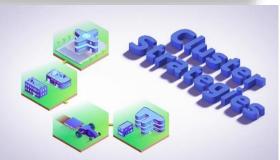
CoVE's fostering local/regional "Skills ecosystems"



CoVEs an integrative part of skills ecosystems, contributing to:

- Innovation,
- Regional development,
- Smart specialisation strategies,
- Cluster strategies









Bringing together:

- > VET institutions
- Universities of applied science
- Research centres
- Companies
- Chambers
- Professional or sector associations
- > Trade unions
- Policy makers
- Employment services/agencies
- Regional development agencies
- Municipalities



Centres of Vocational Excellence Key success factors

Closely linked to regional development, innovation and smart specialisation strategies
Allows for the identification of synergies between policies and amongst stakeholders, avoiding ad-hoc actions



> Strong and enduring partnerships

VET providers (including VET at tertiary level), higher education institutions, and businesses, in which interactions are reciprocal and mutually beneficial

➤ Integration of activities

CoVEs achieve more than the sum of the parts



Typical activities of CoVE's Pro-active partner in local development Commission Business-education partnerships Bringing together all Pact for Skills relevant stakeholders **Vocational Excellence** Apprenticeships, Innovation hubs. Upskilling and reskilling & Applied research Sustainable Co-creating skills financial models ecosystems **VET** attractiveness **Cooperation &** Knowledge creation campaigns **Governance** and dissemination **Partnerships** & funding Skills competitions Lifelong learning continuum Attracting foreign **Business incubators** Initial and continuing VET) Effective use of EU investment to region International VET & Entrepreneurship and national funds campus/academies Innovative Quality VET curricula assurance National and regional internationalisation Skills governance strategies Feedback loops and Innovative teaching systems graduate tracking and learning methods **Teaching &** Learning Higher level VET and Professional development flexible pathways of teachers and trainers Guidance and Learner centred validation excellence approach European Staff and learner Commission mobility and Joint qualification



https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/news/erasmus-2021-2027-programme_en

- > 2021-2027: 400 million EUR for 100 Platforms of Centres of Vocational Excellence
- Applicant: Any participating organisation established in a Programme Country.
- Partners: Any public or private organisation active in field of VET, or world of work and established in a Programme country or in any Partner Country (i.e. VET providers; companies; National/regional qualification authorities; Research institutes; Innovation agencies; Regional development authorities)
- Partnership: must include at least 8 full partners from a minimum of 4 Programme countries (including at least 2 EU Member States) involving:
 - a) at least 1 enterprise, industry or sector representative organisation, and
 - b) at least 1 vocational education and training provider (at secondary and/or tertiary level)
- > EQF levels: Can be focused on any EQF level but must also include levels 3, 4 or 5
- Maximum EU grant per project: €4 million (Customized Lump Sums MAX. EU co-financing 80%)
- Duration of projects: 4 years

Centres of Vocational Excellence Erasmus+ 2019 & 2020 Pilot projects



Advanced Manufacturing 4.0 https://examhub.eu/



Cultural and creative industries http://deuscci.eu/



Water sector https://povewater.eu/



Digital Innovation Hub https://dihubcloud.eu/



IoT in Smart manufacturing https://talentjourney.si/



Inclusive excellence
https://www.efvet.org/portfolio-items/give-qovernance-for-inclusive-vocational-excellence/



Green Innovation http://www.greenovet.eu/



Microelectronics https://ecovem.eu/



Finfish industry http://www.bridges.eu/



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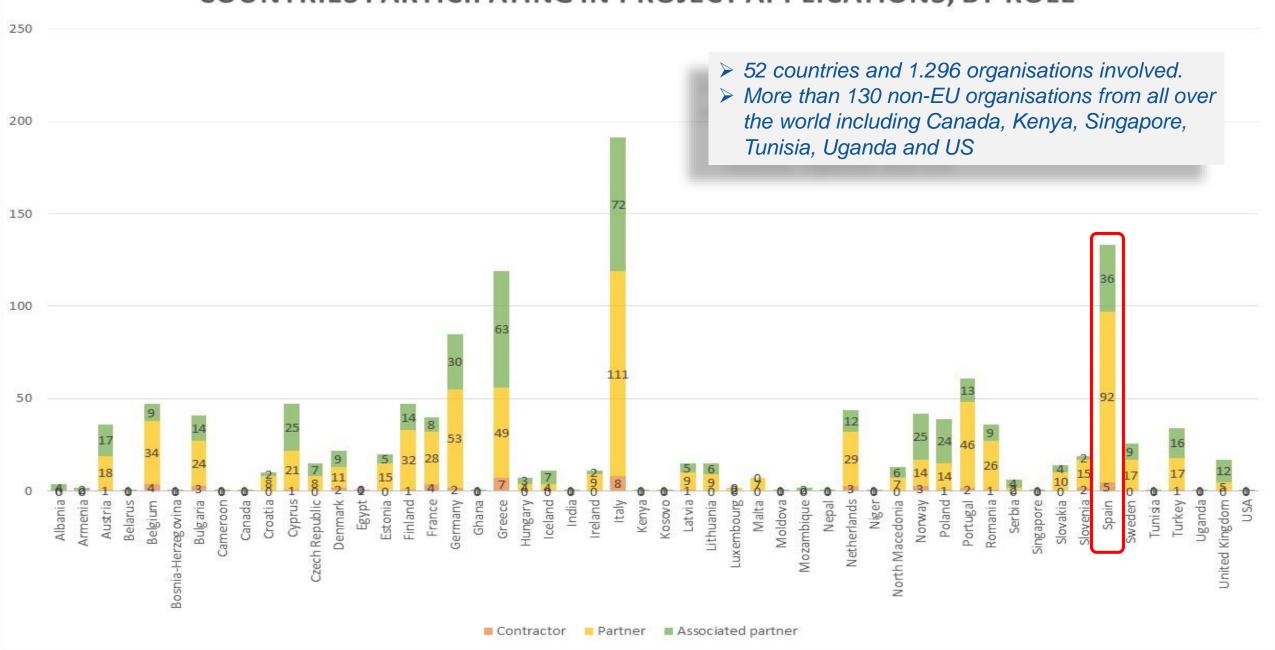
Urban Greening
https://www.facebook.com/European-Platform-Urban-Greening-106220718115727/



Innovation in the Green Economy https://3-loe.eu/

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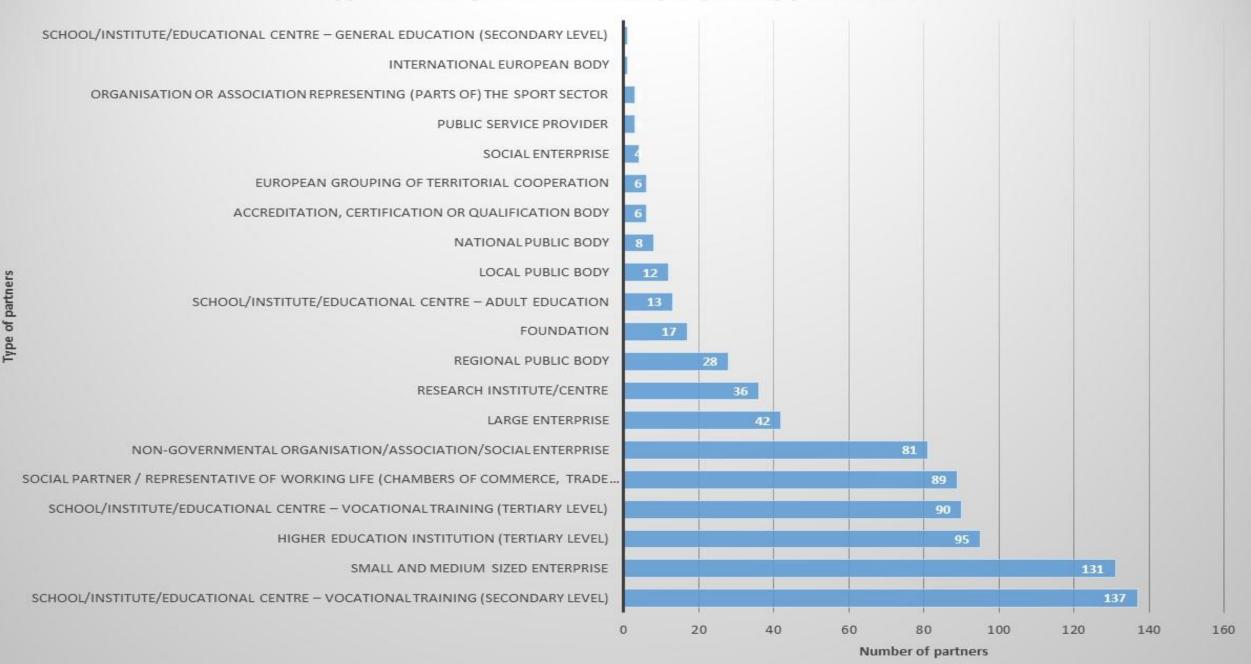
ERASMUS+ 2020 - KA3 CALL FOR CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT APPLICATIONS, BY ROLE



Erasmus+ 2020 Call for Centres of Vocational Excellence Main activities developed by projects

			SME Support for training		attractiveness, 35		Innovation hubs, Technology diffusion, 32	
Business-Education partnerships, 47	Teaching and learning methodologies, 45	Innovative curricula, 38						
			Higher level VET, 31	Sustainable financial models, 2	Learner 8 excellence	ce, 25	Feedbac and Grad tracking,	duate
Governance and stakeholder involvement, 47	Joint curricula/ qualifications, 40	Development of teachers and Trainers, 38			Skills governance systems, 21 Entrepressions incubator		Skills	
			Internationalisaiotn strategies, 30	Quality assurance, 22			competi	tions, 18
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Initial and continuing VET, 45	Use of EU Financial instruments and Funds,	New knowledge and R&D, 36	Integrating into economic and innovation strategies, 30	International VET campus/academies, 22	Guidance and validation , 16	Other activities		foreign invest ment, 12 10

Type of full partners in all project applications



Centres of Vocational Excellence The future...

Erasmus+ funding 2021-2027

- > €400 million for 100 Platforms of Centres of Vocational Excellence
- > Project duration 4 years, with €4 million for each project
- > Partners (with EU funding) can be from **any country in the world**... but non-programme partners must bring "an essential added value to the project"

Next steps:

- > Publication of the Erasmus+ call (on 25 March 2021). Deadline for applications 7 September 2021
- > Information session organized by DGEMPL and EACEA (30 April 2021)
- > Establishment of "Community of Practice" 21-22 June 2021
- > CoVE Support services
- > CoVE featuring at Online Educa Berlin (OEB), 1-3 December 2021

More information



Europa Website on CoVE:

https://ec.europa.eu/social/vocational-excellence

Online information meeting:

https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/information-session-on-the-2021-erasmus-call-for-centres-of-vocational-excellence



ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON

THE 2021 ERASMUS+ CALL ON CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE (COVE)

30 APRIL 2021 09:30 — 12:30 (CET)



