



European Commission

Erasmus+ Centres of Vocational Excellence

#EU Vocational Excellence

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Is your organisation interested in working together with partners at national and international levels to ensure that **vocational education and training** meets the challenges of rapidly changing skills needs? **Erasmus+ has funds to support you!**

Rapid technological change, digitalisation, climate change, circular economy, and new forms of work call for innovative ideas to ensure that vocational education and training (VET) not only adapts to change, but is at the forefront of mastering and driving this change.

New ways of collaborating at regional, national and transnational levels are necessary to meet these challenges. The EU provides funds for the establishment and development of **transnational networks** of (already existing or new) **Centres of Vocational Excellence**.

Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE) provide training in specific areas for initial training of young people as well as for continuing up-skilling and re-skilling of adults. But CoVEs are intended to achieve so much more: They innovate teaching and

learning methods, they work closely with businesses, social partners, universities etc., they develop inclusive approaches to ensure nobody is left behind and they foster regional and local development, among other activities.

Would you like to be a world-class reference point for vocational training?

CoVEs will operate at **national level** where they will work together with local businesses, research centres, universities, social partners, etc., to promote local innovation, regional development and social inclusion.

CoVEs will also form an **international network** with CoVEs in other countries. This network will bring together CoVEs that share a common interest in:

- specific sectors or *industrial ecosystems*,
- innovative approaches to tackling societal challenges (e.g. climate change, digitalisation, artificial intelligence, etc.), or
- innovative approaches to increase the outreach, quality and effectiveness of existing CoVEs.

Centres of Vocational Excellence can achieve more than the sum of its parts.

CoVEs are expected to go far beyond teaching high quality vocational qualifications. Projects must include activities grouped in 3 clusters. Examples of relevant activities are:



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Typical activities of CoVE's



* Please find the full list of activities in the *Erasmus+ Programme Guide* (pp. 227 – 229 in English version).



Success factors

Centres of Vocational Excellence are expected to:

...contribute to *regional development, innovation, smart specialisation, and clusters strategies.*

...become part of **knowledge triangles**, working closely with other education providers, the scientific community, the creative sector, and businesses.

...build **innovative partnerships** with the world of work, and promote the professional development of teachers, innovative pedagogies, mobility and strategies to make VET more international.

...enable learners to acquire both vocational (job specific) as well as *key competences* leading to quality employment.

Other important aspects

- Projects have to use EU wide instruments and tools whenever relevant (e.g. EQF, ESCO, Europass, quality assurance, competence frameworks, etc.).
- Applications must include a long-term action plan for the progressive roll-out of project deliverables.
- They should include a focus on green and digital skills and adopt an inclusive approach.
- Proposals will be assessed based on the award criteria in the *Programme Guide* (pp. 231 – 233 in EN version).

What should the partnerships look like?

At least 8 full partners from 4 EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme (at least 2 EU Member States)

Each country must involve...

at least 1 enterprise, industry or sector representative organisation **and**
at least 1 VET provider



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Interested in applying?

Find more details in the *Erasmus+ Programme Guide*.
 Have a look at the webpage of the *Centres of Vocational Excellence*.
 Find out more about currently running projects: *3LoE, Allview, BRIDGES, ECoVEM, EPLUG, GIVE* and *GREENOVET*.
 Learn about the submission procedure in the *Online Manual*.
 Apply via the *EU Funding & Tenders Portal*.

Involving organisations in Europe and around the world:

- Any public or private organisation active in the field of vocational education and training, or in the world of work and legally established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme or in any third country not associated to the Programme can be involved as **full partner, affiliated entity or associated partner**.
- One of the full partners will be the **coordinating organisation**, which will apply for the Erasmus+ grant. This organisation must be legally established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme.



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What funding is available in 2022?

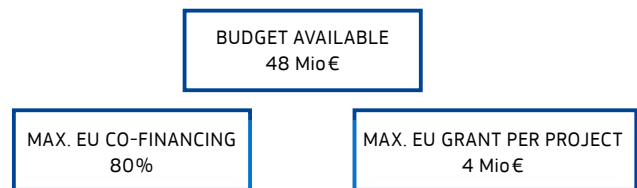
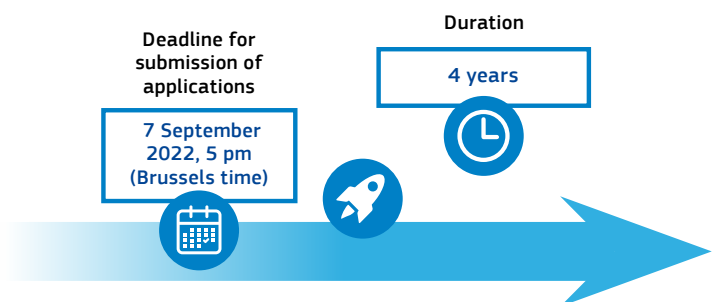


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