Vocational Education and Training

Empowering people with "skills for life"

26th Annual EfVET International Conference
Work and Education aligned to the future
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1. Apprenticeships: Quality and Efficiency
   proposal of a Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships

2. Joint qualifications in VET
   trans-national cooperation to develop Joint VET programmes

3. ErasmusPRO
   policy drive for long-duration mobility

4. Vocational Skills Week
   raising attractiveness through excellence and quality
European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships

"Two out of three apprentices move straight into jobs after finishing their education. With today’s new framework, we define what makes apprenticeships shine. Once adopted, the framework will ensure that both learners and employers benefit from quality apprenticeships."

#ApprenEU
What is an Apprenticeship?

Learning in school

Training in company

Certified & recognised

Work contract (ideally)
How we got here?

Follows up the Commission Communications:
- New Skills Agenda for Europe
- Investing in Europe's Youth

Responds to calls from:
- European Parliament
- EU Court of Auditors
- European level social partners

Building on the 2016 ACVT opinion
Commission proposal for a Council Recommendation

Input
- EU Social partners
- ACVT opinion
- Quality Framework Traineeships
- EAfA Council Declaration

Follow-up
- Support services,
- Awareness raising,
- EU funding,
- Monitoring,
- Reporting

Conceptual overview

Criteria for learning and working conditions
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- Written contract
- Learning outcomes
- Pedagogical support
- Workplace component
- Pay / compensation
- Social protection
- Work, health & safety conditions
Criteria for framework conditions

- Regulatory frameworks
- Involvement of social partners
- Support for companies
- Flexible pathways and mobility
- Career guidance and awareness raising
- Transparency
- Quality assurance & graduate tracking
Follow-up and support

- Apprenticeship support services
- Awareness raising (e.g. EU Vocational Skills Week)
- EU Funding (ESF, Youth Guarantee, Erasmus+, EASI)
- Monitoring through ACVT

"Reporting to the Council on the implementation of the Framework within three years from the date of its adoption"
Erasmus+ call (Ka3)
Joint Qualifications in VET

ADVANTAGES

- Get 2 certificates — 1 local and 1 foreign
- Save money on an overseas qualification
- Complete part of your studies abroad
- Pursue your postgraduate studies abroad with ease

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The Call

- Published 14 October 2017
- Deadline 31 January 2018
- Project duration 24 months
- Budget for call €6,000,000
- Grants between €200,000 and €500,000 per project
- EU co-financing rate 80%
- Partners at least 2 E+ countries
✓ Increase **employability** through highly skilled, qualified and mobile workforce

✓ Joint programmes to **strengthen** quality, LM relevance, and attractiveness

**The objectives**

✓ Include strong **work-based learning** and **mobility** components

✓ Modular, **learning outcomes** approach, **quality assurance** and proper **recognition**

✓ Use of **European tools** and instruments
✓ **Design** or improve Joint VET qualifications, responding to concrete **skill needs**

✓ Set up **new sustainable cooperation structures** to ensure transparency, comparability, appropriate quality assurance systems and mutual recognition of qualifications
ErasmusPRO - supporting long duration mobility
Erasmus+: 30 years in the making

9 MILLION PEOPLE

- Higher Education Students: 4,400,000
- Youth Exchanges: 1,400,000
- Vocational Training Learners: 1,300,000
- Education Staff and Youth Workers: 1,800,000
- European Volunteers: 100,000
- Erasmus Mundus Students and Staff: 100,000

Source: European Commission, 2017
20,000 VET staff
120,000 VET learners

...but...
93% < 3 months
0.8% > 6 months
Erasmus PRO

50,000 new opportunities

Mobility 3 to 12 months

VET learners, Apprentices, Recent graduates
VET providers

Companies and chambers

Member states and National agencies
ErasmusPRO
The next steps…

25 October 2017  Publication of General call for Erasmus+ (including ErasmusPRO)

February 2018  Deadline for presentation of applications for ErasmusPRO

June 2018  First ErasmusPRO VET learners/apprentices in long-duration mobility

VERY IMPORTANT ➔ Mobilize companies and VET providers to make use of this opportunity
The European Vocational Skills Week
Raising the attractiveness of VET

VET Modernisation

Structural reforms

Image

Excellence and opportunities
2016 achievements

983 events

784,569 participants

1500 attendees in Brussels

71,288,481 media outreach

300 online + print media items
2017 … Getting it done!

When: 20 to 24 November

Where: Local, local and local... + 3 days in Brussels

 Targets:

- Events/activities: 1500
- People involved: 1,000,000
- Brussels events: 1,500 participants

Themes: Mobility, Partnerships, Sector skills
2017 ... Getting it done!

> 600,000 participants in local VET events

> 650 events registered
(Missing Sweden, Latvia and Luxembourg)

ALL Brussels conferences almost fully booked
20 November
National opening events

21 November
Day on “Employers for Skills”

22 November
VET Conference
6 parallel workshops

23 November
Business-Education Summit +
Career-long professional learning

24 November
Closing event
Celebrating achievements
International Skills Competitions Award
VET research Award
ETF Award for Entrepreneurship
Innovative VET provider Award
Cedefop VET Photo Award
Learning at Work Award
EAfA Award
Ambassador for VET Week

What for?
To promote the attractiveness and excellence of VET
Building widespread engagement and promoting the Week

How?
Inform and mobilise - young, adults, families, careers advisers, schools, and companies, to VET opportunities

Ideal profile
Well-known personality with a "VET story to tell"
Inspiring role model, capable to reach-out to wide audiences
2017 Vocational Skills Week

Get involved - Register your event!

Respond to the VET Week survey
https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/EVSW_Vote_and_win

Day on cooperation between VET and HE

Name or title of the event/activity organised (in your national language)
Dag van de Beroepskolom

Country of the event/activity
Netherlands

City of the event/activity
Amersfoort

Event/activity start date (from)
06/10/2017

Event/activity end date (until)
06/10/2017

Short description of the event/activity (in English)
The seminar is an annual event. It is about the connection between VET and HE and the possibilities for improving it - and increasing the chance of studying. This year it is about identifying the process by which the Dutch government determines the policy for VET from year to year. This must be done because the labor market always sets other and new requirements for VET graduates and the competencies that need to be adapted. But that also means that the progression route to the Universities of Applied Sciences must be changed. The question is how they are involved and then how they adapt their own programs. During this event we will try to get insight into it.

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Find out more...

The New Skills Agenda for Europe
http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1223

Vocational Skills Week:
http://ec.europa.eu/social/VocationalSkillsWeek

European Alliance for Apprenticeships:
http://ec.europa.eu/apprenticeships-alliance

Erasmus+
http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

Erasmus+ call for Joint Qualifications in VET