

## Capacity building in the field of Vocational Education and Training (CB VET )

2021-2027





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## About CB VET

Capacity building projects are international cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of VET in:

- EU Member States
- Third countries associated to the Programme
- Third countries not associated to the Programme

CB VET projects aim to support the **relevance**, **accessibility**, **responsiveness** of VET institutions and systems in third countries not associated to the Programme



## **Objectives**

- Build capacity of VET providers to strengthen cooperation between private and public stakeholders in VET for demand-oriented and opportunity-driven VET interventions;
- Improve the quality and responsiveness of VET to economic and social developments to enhance the labour market relevance of skills provision;
- Align VET provision to local, regional and national development strategies.



#### Thematic Areas – Focus on one or more

VET teachers/trainers professional development Key competences, including entrepreneurship

Public Private Dialogue Partnerships in VET

Quality assurance mechanisms

Capacity Building in VET Innovation in VET

Green and digital skills for the twin transition

Work-based learning (for young people and/or adults)

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Skills matching with current and future job opportunities, including in promising value chains under development



## Activities

- Creating and developing networks and exchanges of good practice between VET providers
- Creating tools, programmes and other materials to build the capacity of institutions from third countries not associated to the Programme
- Creating mechanisms to **involve private sector** (design and delivery of curricula, work-based experience)
- **Developing and transferring pedagogical approaches**, teaching and training materials, including work-based learning, virtual mobility, open educational resources and better exploitation of the ICT potential
- Developing and implementing international (virtual) exchange activities for staff primarily



#### **Horizontal Aspects**

Applicants are required to take into account:



Inclusion and diversity



Environmental sustainability



Digital dimension



Common values, civic engagement and participation



#### **REGIONAL PRIORITIES**



#### Sub-Saharan Africa

- Least developed countries; migration priority countries; no country will access more than 8% of funding foreseen for the Region;
- Respective geographic <u>Multi-annual Indicative Programmes</u> at country or regional level. <u>EU-Africa</u> <u>Global Gateway Investment Package</u>.
- Public-private dialogue between VET institutions and the private sector.

You are encouraged to work with partners in the **poorest and least developed third countries not associated to the Programme.** 

For least developed countries; migration priority countries, lower and upper middle income countries see <u>the Programme guide</u> – section "Eligible countries" (pages 36-37, English version)



## Eligibility criteria

Who can participate?



## What countries can participate?



- EU Member States (27 countries)
- Third countries associated to the Programme (6 countries) North Macedonia, Iceland, Norway, Serbia, Lichtenstein and Türkiye
- Third countries not associated to the Programme (102 countries) Regions 1,2,3,9,10 and 11





#### Regions Covered – Third Countries not Associated to the Programme 2024

- 1. Western Balkans (Region 1) 7 066 939 €
- 2. Neighbourhood East (Region 2) 3 599 898 €
- 3. South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3) 4 000 000 €
- 4. Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9) 8 283 333 €
- 5. Latin America (Region 10) 2 000 000 €
- 6. Caribbean (Region 11) 300 000 €

Total 25 250 170 €

The full list of countries see the <u>Programme guide</u> – section "Eligible countries"

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## What types of organisations can apply?

Erasmus+ Programme Guide

#### **Eligible participating organistions:**

- Vocational education and training providers
- Other public or private organisations active in the field of VET or in the labour market (non-exhaustive list):
  - VET providers;
  - Companies, industry or sector representative organisations;
  - National/regional qualification authorities;

- Employment services;
- Research institutes;
- Innovation agencies;
- Regional development authorities etc.



#### **Consortium Composition**

#### APPLICANT/ COORDINATOR

#### PARTICIPANT (full partner, affiliated entity or associated partner)

EU Member States (27)

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Third countries associated to the Programme (6) Iceland Liechtenstein Norway North Macedonia

> Serbia Türkiye

Third countries associated to the Programme (6)

EU Member States (27)

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#### Third countries not associated to the Programme

in Regions 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 and 11 (see section "Eligible countries" in Part A of the <u>Erasmus+</u> <u>Programme guide</u>)

**Exception**: Organisations from Belarus (Region 2) are not eligible

#### Number and origin of participants

• At least 4 organisations

At least 3 countries and 4 partners

- From a mínimum of 3 countries: De un mínimo de tres países:
  - 2 organisations from 2 different member states / associated to the programme
  - At least 2 organisations of at least 1 third country not associated to the programme

The number of organisations of a third country not associated to the programme must be equal or higher than member states or third countries associated to the programme



#### To keep in mind!

#### **ATTENTION: WHO CAN BE APPLICANT/COORDINATOR?**

- Any public and private organisation active in the VET field and legally established in an **EU Member State or eligible third country associated to the Programme.**
- Organisations from third countries not associated to the Programme cannot be coordinators.

#### **NOVELTIES:**

- Cross-regional projects are not eligible.
- "Multiple submissions" are now possible (one organisation can submit more than 1 application)



# Snapshot of previous calls and running projects



#### Selection results 2022 and 2023

	2022	2023	
Submitted projects	121	162	
Inadmissible projects	4	2	
Ineligible projects	23	15	
Evaluated projects	93	145	
Projects reaching threshold and above (60 points and more)	58	87	
Selected/signed contracts	58	60 (but final number in February 2024)	



#### **Running projects**

- You can see the selected projects in the Funding & Tenders Portal call pages
  - 2022 Funding & tenders (europa.eu) Click on 'Funded project list' 58 projects
  - 2023 Funding & tenders (europa.eu)

Project details: 3D Garment design Training (3DGarT)								
Project ID: Programme:	101092406 ERASMUS2027		Call: DG/Agency:	ERASMUS-EDU-2022-CB-VET EACEA				
Keywords Main collaboration partners		Abstract 3DGarT addresses VET initial and continuous training in the garment sector, in Jordan and Palestine. It build project for HEIs, on similar studies in Palestine and it follows the Priorities for Action from ETF for Human C training by incorporating the principles of 3D Garment Design into the curricula of Initial VET training and alls project will draw knowledge from the participating HEIs and training providers, which offer courses on 3D Ga it into curriculum, profile design and training reform actions for newcomers and for existing employees. It will learners by developing new and innovative VET education programs, by delivering key competences and ICT Establish an innovative lab center for creativity and design "Garment and Fashion Design Center" one in each semi-skilled workers, trainers, stakeholders based on the assessment of needs including study tours for self and implement promotional and marketing strategies and materials including a market outlook, and assistin international markets. Work is accomplished in 6 work packages, and the consortium consists of HEIs, a Ter- textile and garment sector.	Capital Development in both courso in advancing the knowledge of arment design, adapt it to the ne ill improve the level of competer f skills related to 3D garment de th country, to design and implement ected participants to an internal ng workshops/entrepreneurs to	ntries. It aims at modernizing the offered VET f existing employees in design departments. The leds of VET providers and Final Users and transform ncces, skills and employability potential of VET sign. The specific objectives of the projects are to: ent comprehensive training programs for students, ionally renowned fashion institution, to developing consolidate business linkages with local and	Organisation: DIMIOURGIKI SKEPSI ANAPTYXIS PIC: 942801977 Contact project person			



# How to apply?

Call background and tips for preparing a good application



#### Call information – Erasmus+ Programme Guide



Duration

1 or 2 or 3 years



Budget

Total EU grant for all projects: 25 250 170 € Estimated EU grant per project: from 100.000 € to 400.000€ EU grant can cover maximum of 80% of a total budget of a project

Funding and Tenders opportunities portal

Where to apply

Call ID: ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CB-VET



**29 February at 17:00:00** (Brussels time - CET)

Usually you could expect selection results in July-August. If selected, contracts are signed until November.



### Financial mechanism – Lump Sum Type II

- Funding rules are set in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide
- EU grant is maximum 80% of the estimated budget.
  - Maximum EU grant: 400 000 EUR
  - Minimum EU grant: 100 000 EUR
- 20% Contribution from sources other than the EU grant (own resources, financial contributions from third parties or income generated by the project)



#### Feedback from our monitoring



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quality > quantity (in the objectives, in deliverables, in the number of consortium members...)



Communication and dissemination from the first day



# How to find coordinator/partner



## How to find a coordinator or partners? (I)

1. If you already have contacts with VET providers in EU or third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme, get in touch with them **to check if they plan to apply** under this action.

2. Contact **European networks** of VET Providers (e.g. EVTA, EVBB, EfVET, EUproVET) and networks that represent higher education institutions also active in the field of VET (e.g. EURASHE, EUCEN).

3. Organization active in **lifelong guidance, counselling, learning mobility and career management** contact the European network <u>Euroguidance</u>.

4. Involve other organizations from your country – make your project stronger.

5. Involve other organizations from **other countries of the same region** – it might be they have contacts to organizations from EU/third countries associated to the programme.



## How to find a coordinator or partners? (II)

6. Erasmus+ VET-related projects (2014-2020) on the <u>Erasmus+ Project Results Platform</u>. Please use the 'advanced search', selecting Erasmus+ Programme and within the different actions please focus on vocational education and training.

7. Use the section "*Partner search announcements*" - <u>https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/partner-search</u> - in the <u>Funding & Tenders Opportunities Portal</u> (FTOP)

**8. Contact VET experts from you country** you know – it might be they help you to find a coordinator/partner.

9. CEDEFOP – European Centre for Development of VET <a href="https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en">https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en</a>, REFERNET – is a network of institutions. It provide information on national vocational education and training (VET) systems and policies in the EU Member States, Iceland and Norway. <a href="https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/networks/refernet/national-partners">https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/networks/refernet/national-partners</a>



## How to find a coordinator or partners? (III)

<u>10. EPALE (Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe)</u> platform and/or you could register to the <u>Community of European VET practitioners</u>.

11. The <u>Katapult Network</u> includes a network and matchmaking tool to build relationships with new partners. The direct link to the matchmaking tool is <u>here</u>. <u>How does it work?</u>

12. If you are a member of the European Training Foundation (ETF) Open Space, you may look for partners <u>there</u>. In particular, you may contact the <u>Network run by the European Training Foundation (ETF)</u> that includes numerous VET centers in Europe and ETF partner countries as well as the <u>ETF Quality Assurance</u> <u>forum</u> that involves more than 20 countries. In this context, you may consult the <u>ETF regions and countries</u>.

13. Contact **National Erasmus+ Office** (see the list <u>here</u>), which may have received requests for cooperation from potential CB VET applicants.



## Useful tips

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- $\checkmark$  Be coherent: avoid contradictions and "cut and paste" style applications
- $\checkmark$  **Be concrete:** use examples, justify your claims, provide evidence
- $\checkmark$  Be clear: read the questions carefully, provide information in the correct order as indicated in the form
- ✓ **Be explicit:** take nothing for granted; don't assume that experts have prior knowledge; avoid abbreviations or explain them
- ✓ **Be realistic:** the application is the basis of your project to be; it is also the cornerstone of the commitment you will sign
- $\checkmark$  **Remain focused**: concentrate exclusively on what is asked of you
- ✓ Eligibility: make sure you have followed all instructions and that the proposal meets all mandatory requirements
- √ Keep it simple: use short sentences, vary the length if you wish to make it more interesting but keep it simple and focused



#### **Key Resources**

- Erasmus+ Programme Guide Call information and requirements
- Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal To Apply, see running projects, finding partners...
- <u>EACEA Website</u> Recordings of <u>info sessions</u>



Contact us! <u>EACEA-EPLUS-CBVET@ec.europa.eu</u>



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