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ADVANCING SKILLS FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND GROWTH



INTERNATIONALISING
VOCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE



Shaping The Future: The EU Vision Of Vocational Excellence

A holistic approach to Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) in the skills ecosystem

Georgios Zisimos, ETF



EXCELLENCE IN TVET



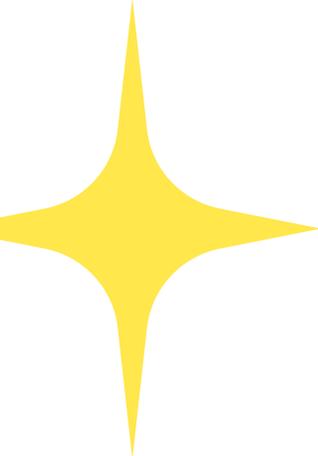
**High-quality, Relevant
Training**



**Learner-Centered
Approach**



**Broader Competencies
Development**



KEY CHALLENGES IN TVET IN ASIA

**Industry alignment
and Collaboration**

**Teacher preparedness
and Industry experience**

**Skills shortages and
Workforce readiness**

**Inclusive education
and Equity**

**Research capacity and
Policy engagement**

ADDRESSING CHALLENGES IN TVET THE EU PERSPECTIVE

- Strategic Policy Frameworks
- Investment in Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)
- International Cooperation
- Future-Oriented Planning and Sustainability

CAN INTERNALISATION MAKE EU SKILLS POLICY SMARTER?



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Internationalising Vocational Excellence

Advancing skills for tomorrow

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DEFINING TVET EXCELLENCE



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Scope

*Range and extent
of objectives,
activities, functions
and partners*

Capacity

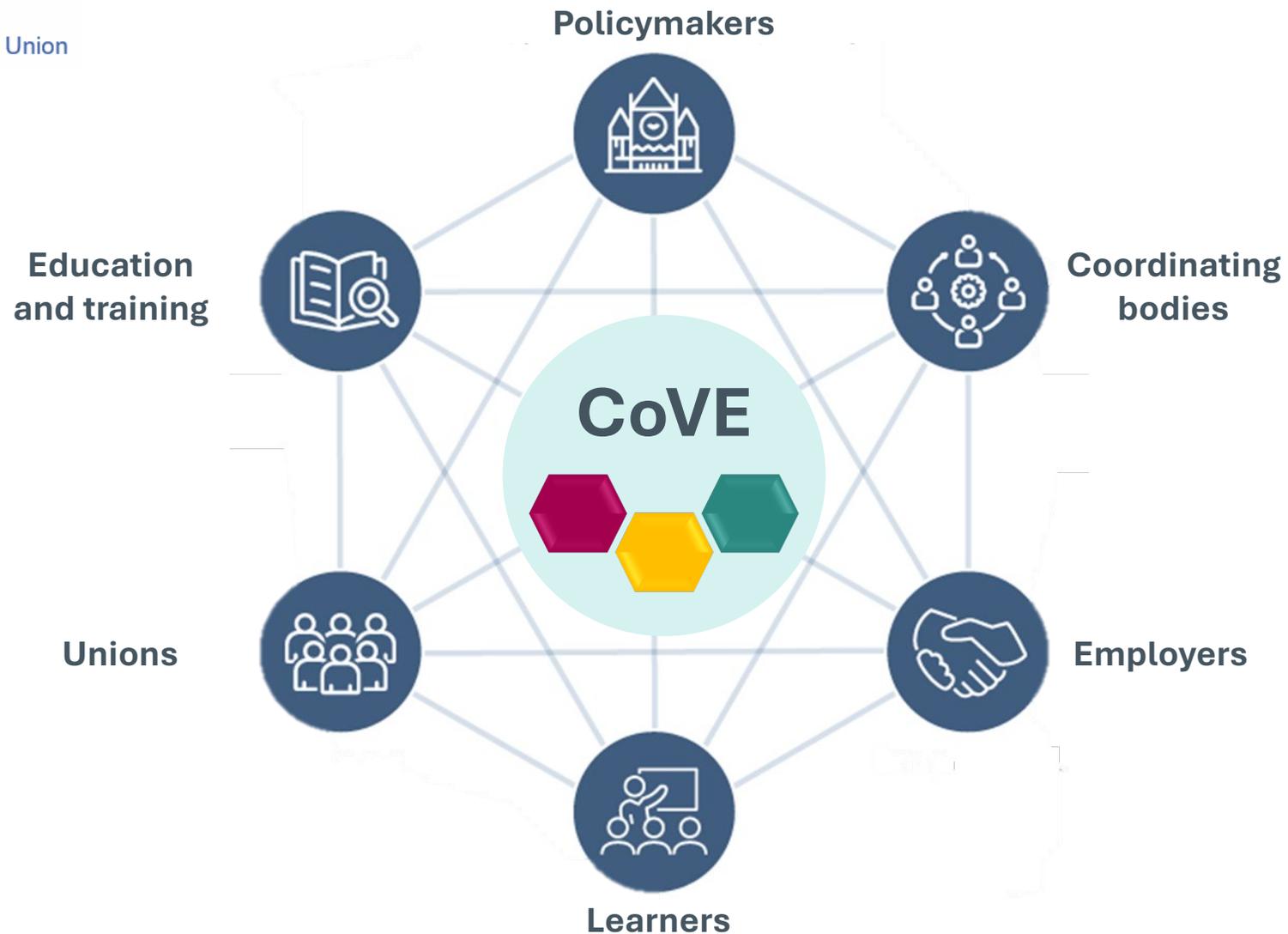
*Systems,
relationships,
culture, knowledge,
vision*

Performance

*Quality of
resources,
processes and
results for
stakeholders*

IMPROVING TVET SYSTEMS: THE COVE MODEL

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**INTERNATIONALISING
VOCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE**



SELF-ASSESSMENT



RECOGNITION



PEER LEARNING



TARGETED RESOURCES



INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING

A FRAMEWORK FOR TVET EXCELLENCE

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ISATC VE International Self-Assessment Tool for Centres Of Vocational Excellence

3	Teaching & Learning	Partnership & Coordination	Governance & Funding
23	Criteria <i>(activities)</i>	Criteria <i>(activities)</i>	Criteria <i>(activities)</i>
577	Indicators	Indicators	Indicators



DEFINING TVET EXCELLENCE

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Teaching & Learning

- Relevance
- Inclusiveness
- Innovation

Partnership & Coordination

- Collaboration and partnership
- Resources and Curricula
- Awareness

Governance & Funding

- Autonomy
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Sustainable Resourcing

ISATC  VE

RECOGNITION AND INSTITUTIONAL MOTIVATION

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Registry of certified Vocational Excellence providers

Welcome to the Registry of certified Vocational Excellence providers, that lists all the VET providers that have self-assessed and have been awarded the "Committed to Excellence" and "Vocational Excellence" certificates. If you are a VET provider, you can connect with excellence-driven partners in specific fields of vocational excellence, aiming at continuous improvement within the VET ecosystem. For more information on ISATCOVE, please visit [www.isatcove.eu](#). To be part of the next implementation phases, please **send an email** or **use this form**.

Search in the registry

Certificate type

Country

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88 vocational excellence providers

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Collège LaSalle Tunis
24 Sep 2025
- 

Ulus Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School
24 Sep 2025
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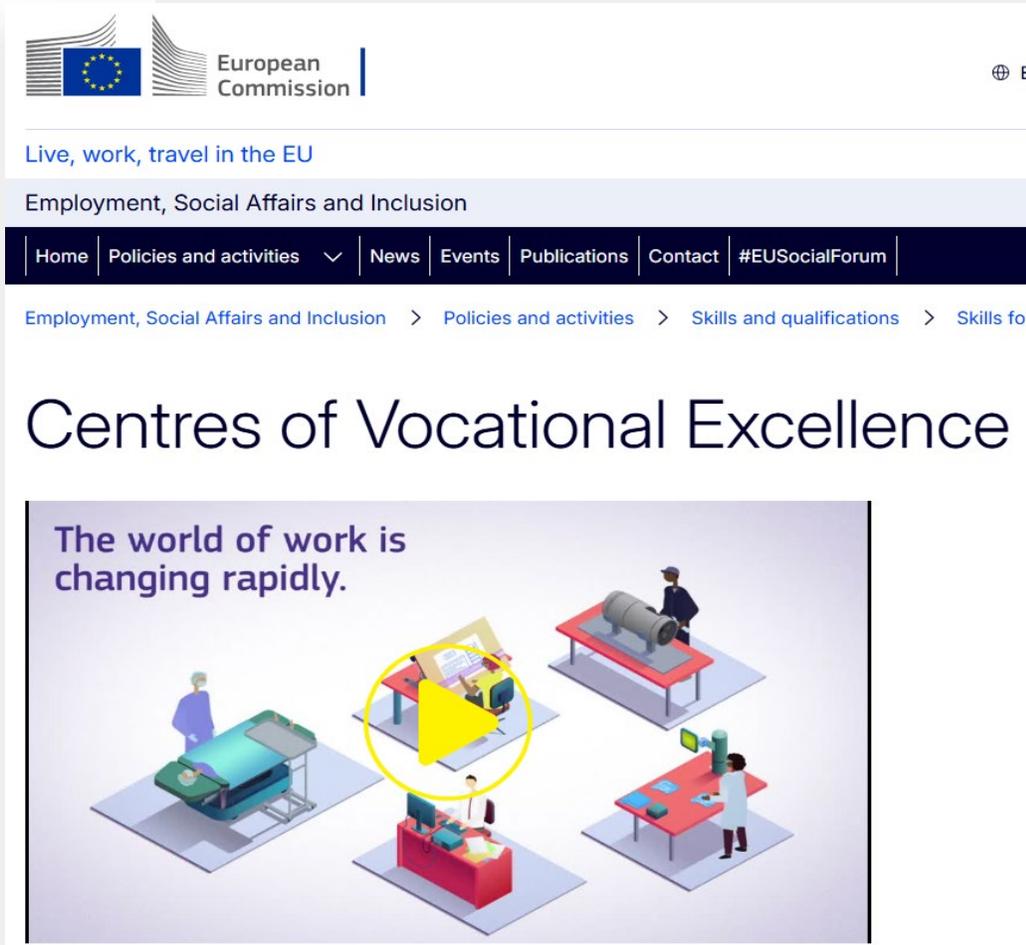
CIFP Ciudad de Zamora
24 Jun 2025
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Institut National de Préparation Professionnelle (INPP)



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The screenshot shows the European Commission website. At the top, it says 'European Commission' with the EU flag. Below that, it says 'Live, work, travel in the EU' and 'Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion'. A navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Policies and activities', 'News', 'Events', 'Publications', 'Contact', and '#EUSocialForum'. The breadcrumb trail reads: 'Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion > Policies and activities > Skills and qualifications > Skills for...'. The main heading is 'Centres of Vocational Excellence'. Below the heading is an illustration with the text 'The world of work is changing rapidly.' and a large yellow play button icon. The illustration depicts various vocational training scenarios: a person at a computer workstation, a person working with a large industrial machine, a person at a desk with a computer, and a person in a lab coat at a workstation.

WEB PORTAL

- Knowledge
- Resources



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Knowledge Packages



Package 1:
Private sector collaboration

Package 2:
Innovation, smart specialisation
and socio-economic development

- Good Practices
- Guidelines

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Vocational Excellence e-Library

Welcome to the Vocational Excellence e-Library, a collection of reports, tools, guidelines and cases targeted to vocational training providers, practitioners, and all other stakeholders involved in VET ecosystems. Feel free to explore the eLibrary across different aspects of vocational excellence and economic sectors. If you want to submit a resource, please contact intve@etf.europa.eu

Search in Vocational Excellence Resources

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ALL DIGITAL Academy (ADA)
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An overview of 16 Good Practices being implemented and scaled up through the SEED project
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Identification of Regional & National policies on the inclusion of migrants and refugees in CSR for the Wood and Furniture sector
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Identification of Regional National policies on Circular Economy in CSR for the Wood and Furniture sector
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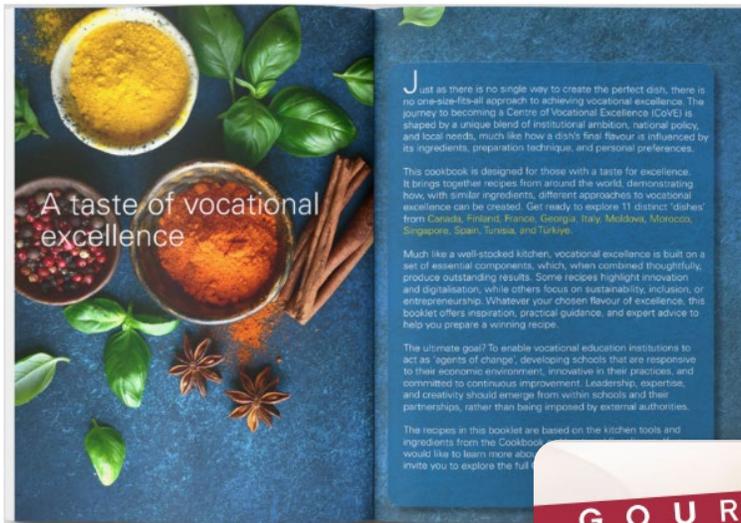
- Toolkits
- Case Studies
- Learning resources

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Ingredients for Success: ETF's Cookbook on Vocational Excellence

Vocational excellence, much like culinary mastery, requires the perfect combination of quality ingredients, precise methods, and creative flair. This compelling metaphor is at the heart of the ETF's recently launched publication.



Cookbook

Global Recipes for Vocational Excellence

- Digital Vocational Excellence
- Green Vocational Excellence
- Entrepreneurial Excellence
- Inclusive Vocational Excellence



CONNECTING TVET EXCELLENCE



ETF
Network for
Excellence



55 Countries worldwide
334 CoVEs (VET Providers)

ETF PCs (196 CoVEs)

Albania; Armenia;
Azerbaijan; Bosnia and
Herzegovina; Egypt;
Georgia; Israel; Jordan;
Kazakhstan; Kosovo;
Moldova; Montenegro,
Morocco; North Macedonia;
Palestine; Serbia; Tunisia;
Türkiye; Ukraine

AFRICA (43 CoVEs)

Angola; Burkina Faso; Democratic
Republic of Congo; Guinea Bissau; Ivory
Coast; Kenya; Malawi; Mozambique;
Namibia; Niger; Senegal; South Africa;
Uganda; Zimbabwe; Cameroon; Liberia;
Nigeria; Cabo Verde

South ASIA (5 CoVES)

Philippines; Bangladesh;
Thailand; Malaysia; Nepal

(1) Chile

(3) Switzerland

EU MSs (86 CoVEs)

Spain; Greece; Netherlands; Finland; Italy;
Slovenia; Latvia; Germany; Sweden; Denmark

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR TVET EXCELLENCE

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February 2025, Slovenia
The first Winter Camp on
Vocational Excellence



August 2025, Kyrgyzstan
Issyk-Kul
Summer School



Upcoming

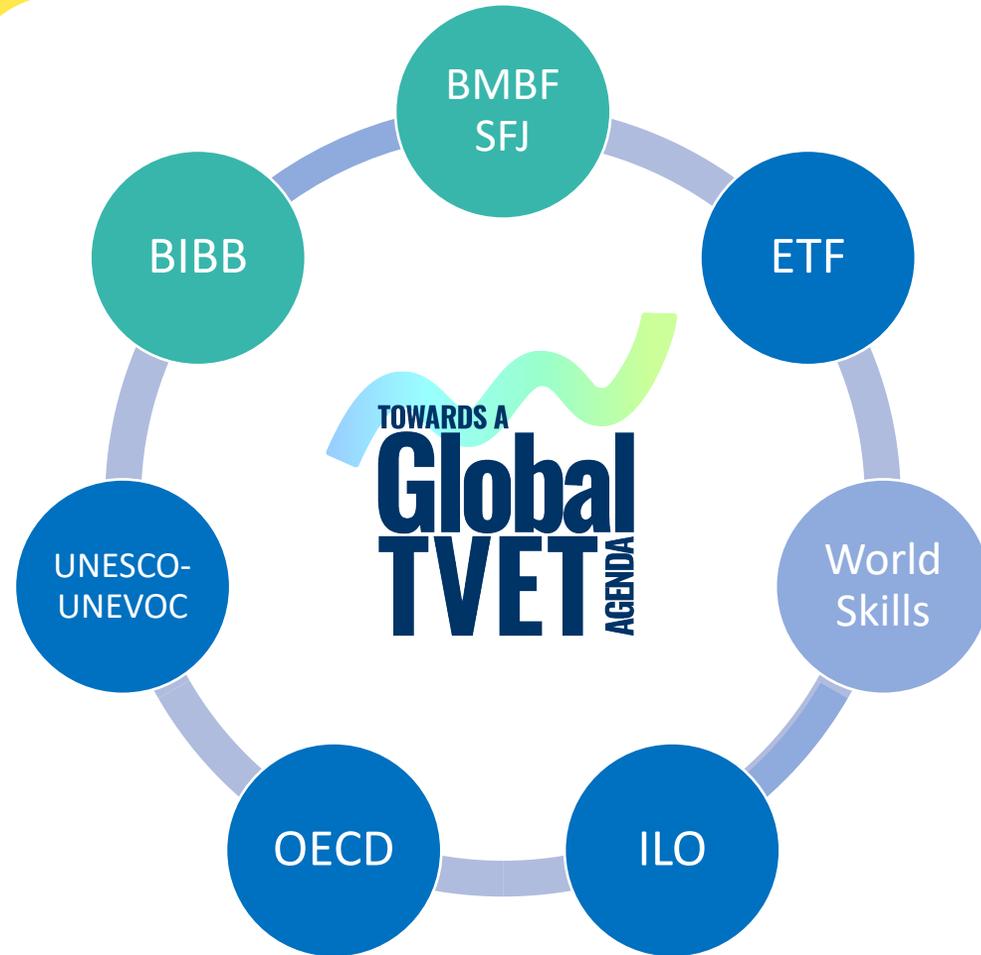
Tanzania
Camp on Centres of Vocational
Excellence in Africa

We can all
make a
difference in
VET by combining
knowledge and
skills

TOWARDS A
Global
TVET **AGENDA**

Oliver Diehl, German Federal Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

TOWARDS A GLOBAL TVET AGENDA



Supporting **multilateral organisations** and **key regional partners** in collaborating and coordinating action towards the shared goal of enhancing the **attractiveness**, **innovation**, **quality** and **excellence** of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

TOWARDS A GLOBAL TVET AGENDA



Through **collaboration** and **coordination** between **multilateral and regional** TVET organisations, the initiative *Towards a Global TVET Agenda* aims to:

1. **Promote global agenda setting and coordinated action to strengthen TVET;**
2. **Foster global exchange and mutual learning to drive policy reform processes;**
3. **Connect centres of vocational excellence to address common challenges.**

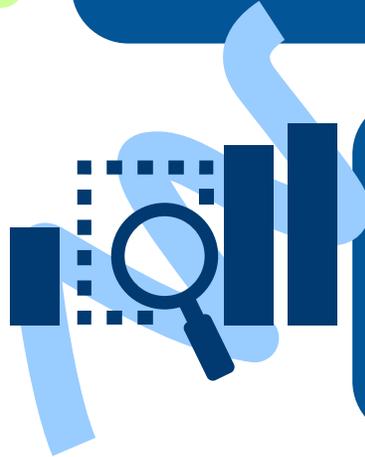
TOWARDS A GLOBAL TVET AGENDA - FOUR FOCUS AREAS -



Global and Regional
TVET Innovations



Partnership for
Excellence



Prototyping TVET Data
Reporting



Knowledge Sharing &
Agenda Fora

Panel Discussion

Investing in Vocational Excellence – The model of CoVEs

Speakers



Judit Barna
European Commission
DG INTPA



Theodor Grassos
EVBB



Alessandro Mele
COMETA



Paolo Nardi
EfVET



Giulia Meschino
EVTA

Moderators



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