AGENDA

ETF NETWORK FOR EXCELLENCE (ENE) "CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AS ENGINES FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING DEVELOPMENT: LET'S EXCEL TOGETHER WITHOUT BORDERS"

29 -30 NOVEMBER 2022 (ON-LINE)

SUMMARY

The third ETF Network for Excellence (ENE) conference will build on the work of Network members learning together at international level and continue the dialogue among Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) from ETF partner countries, from the EU and beyond. Vocational Excellence is a flagship ETF project[1].

ENE is unique in being an international network of Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)[2]. It has 258 COVEs, and more than 40 countries worldwide (16 ETF Partner

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[1] VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE PLATFORM OF GOOD PRACTICES -ETF NETWORK FOR EXCELLENCE | Open Space (europa.eu)

[2] https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/projects-campaigns/projects/vocational-excellence

Countries; 10 EU Member States; 14 African (sub-Saharan countries), 3 from Switzerland, 1 Asian country – Philippines).[3]

The event will be organized in two day sessions to allow for interactivity amongst participants, to foster discussion, peer learning and facilitate networking. The on-line Conference aims at:

- Continuing the dialogue among Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) in a forward looking perspective;
- Sharing ENE network developments and results (2021-2022) based on experiences of CoVEs practitioners, policy makers and experts;
- Showcasing some good ENE practices to provide evidence on how ENE is responding to development needs of its members working in partnerships;
- Gaining better understanding on how ENE CoVEs members are effectively using lessons learnt and applied knowledge, in their own contexts, as a result of work done in different ENE thematic sub- initiatives/developmental thematic partnerships.

The event will focus on ETF Vocational Excellence project- ETF Network for Excellence (ENE)- developments and results (2021-2022) including on-ongoing work to strengthen the international dimension of Vocational Excellence (ETF-EC DG Employment cooperation). Special focus will be given to the implications for ETF partner countries.

During the first day, the role of ENE self-assessment tool (ENESAT) will be used to frame overall discussions and knowledge-sharing inputs. The 1st and 2nd. wave of ENESAT results will be shared to support discussions on how ENE CoVEs are developing and transmitting VET Excellence. This will be followed by ENE experiences on Autonomy and Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), plus ENEs green partnership, GRETA (Greening Responses to Excellence through Thematic Actions) supporting the twin transition of digitalisation and greening and ENE DIGI on digitalisation of teaching and learning.

The second day will focus on sharing relevant developments in ENE thematic partnerships in Social inclusion and Equity (SISI), Career Guidance and Entrepreneurial role of CoVES and Excellence approaches.

On-going debates and institutional practices on the way forward to pursue VET Internationalization and Vocational Excellence will be introduced (e.g ETF-EC DG Employment cooperation work to strengthening international dimension of Vocational Excellence; Erasmus + projects role, etc.). The conference will conclude focusing on how to smartly use ENE CoVEs practitioner experiences to further inform policy dialogue/reforms in participating countries.

The event will be delivered in English with simultaneous interpretation to French, Turkish and Russian.

[3] Data at 21/XI/2022.

Moderator: Maria Lvova, ETF

DAY 1 – 29 NOVEMBER 2022

Time	Description of Sessions
09:15 – 09:20	**Session 1: Introduction and technical instructions** *Maria Lvova, ETF*
09:20 – 09:30	**Session 1: Conference opening** *Xavier Matheu, Director ad Interim, ETF*
09:30 – 09:35	**Introduction to the Agenda** *J. Manuel Galvin Arribas, Content Coordinator, Project Vocational Excellence, ETF*
09:35 – 9:45	**Keynote: Vocational Excellence to look at the future addressing high quality skills, lifelong learning and employment in ETF partner countries: CoVEs strategic role in the Republic of Türkiye.** *Türkiye Ministry of National Education, Directorate of Vocational and Technical Education (tbc).*
9.45 – 10:15	**Session 2: Developing a common framework for CoVEs – as the basis for self-evaluation, collaboration and improvement** *Facilitators: Julian Stanley & Doriana Monteleone, ETF* This session will report the progress that has been made in developing a shared set of criteria and indicators that help CoVEs to evaluate the scope of their activity, the quality of their outputs and their capability. The session will present evidence to show how CoVEs in the ENE Network have been able to set targets for improvement that were informed by the practices of other CoVEs in the Network and how they have successfully achieved these targets. *Presenters:* • *Julian Stanley and Doriana Monteleone, ETF* • *Unai Ziarsolo, International Management, TKNIKA, Basque VET Research Centre*
10:15 - 10:35	**Session 3: CoVEs Autonomy and Public- Private Partnerships (PPPs): linking practices and policy frameworks.**

	ENE sub-initiative/partnership on CoVEs Autonomy & PPP is playing key role in supporting connection between CoVEs practices and national policy dialogue. Outcomes of the partnership will be shared by the ENE team and complemented by concrete practices and experiences and lessons learnt of 2 CoVEs, participating in this sub-initiative. *Presenters:* • *Floriana Folisi (ETF)* • *Mervi Jansson, Omnia Education Partnerships (Finland)* *Panellists:* • *Lev Berman, Director, Amal Shimon Peres Entrepreneurship Center, Israel* • *Natia Tkeshelashvili, Quality Assurance Manager, Nutrimax, Georgia* Q&A
10:35 – 10:50	Virtual Coffee break
10:50 - 11:50	**Session 4: Vocational Excellence role to support moving towards *twin* transition (*green and digital* CoVEs)** *Facilitator: Maria Lvova, ETF* **Chapter 1: ENE GRETA: Greening of VET through a whole institutional approach** GRETA (Greening Responses to Excellence through Thematic Actions) - is the green ENE flagship partnership supporting VET in the twin transition of digitalisation and greening. GRETA applies a whole institutional approach addressing greening responses in relation to strategies and school management, curricula development, teacher's green professional development, green eco skills systems and green funding initiatives. *Facilitator & Presenter: Susanne M. Nielsen, ETF* *Panellists:* • *Tamara Zakarashvili, Director, Construction College Construct2, Georgia* • *Adrijana Hodak, Head of Intercompany Training Centre, Solski Center Nova Gorica, Slovenia*

	• *Karolina Sikala, International Coordinator and Jakob Vest Arler, HR Development Manager, Green Academy at OKNygaard Ltd., Denmark* **<u>Chapter 2</u>: ENE DIGI: unpackaging CoVEs role on digitalization of teaching and learning.** ENE DIGI – Digitalization of Teaching and Learning- is a flagship ENE partnership addressing practice-sharing to pursuing VET Excellence in digitalization of teaching and learning. DIGI thematic areas are digital pedagogies, digital content and tools, teacher's digital competences. *Facilitator & Presenter: Filippo Del Ninno, ETF* *Panellists:* *CoVE, Estonia, member of DIGI partnership (tbc);* *Sergiu Coceas, Methodist at the Centre of Excellence in Energy and Electronics, Republic of Moldova* **<u>Chapter 3</u>: The role of CoVEs in the green and digital transition** As part of the project "International dimension of CoVEs: Building vocational excellence through international cooperation, ETF is carrying out two international studies offering in-depth knowledge about the role of CoVEs in supporting the digital and green transition. Methodological approach of the studies and first results will be presented. *Presenters:* • *Stefan Thomas, ETF* • *Martin Eggert Hansen, Chief consultant, Danish Technological Institute* Q&A
11:50-12:00	**Closure of Day 1** *J. Manuel Galvin Arribas, Content Coordinator, Project Vocational Excellence, ETF*

DAY 2 – 30 NOVEMBER 2022

Moderator: Simona Rinaldi, ETF

09:15 – 09:20	**Welcome & opening: Key messages from day 1.** *J. Manuel Galvin Arribas, Content Coordinator, Project Vocational Excellence, ETF*
09:20 - 9:40	**Session 5: Excellence and Innovation for Equity and Inclusion** *Facilitator: Filippo Del Ninno, ETF* The ENE partnership (SISI) is strongly supported by learning practices to unpackage innovative solutions provided by CoVEs focussing on innovative teaching, learning and technology to address inclusiveness and equity. The session will build on sharing current developments of ENE SISI initiative, illustrated by work experiences of selected CoVES which are working together in this ENE partnership. *Presenters:* • *Filippo Del Ninno, ETF* • *Germano Nervo, ENAIP NET* *Panellists:* • *Ms Priscilla Chihota, Grants Administrator, DAPP/ Ponesai Vanhu Technical College, Zimbabwe;* • *Mr Enock Jumah, Partnership Manager, DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School, Malawi* Q&A
9:40 -10:00	**Session 6: Entrepreneurial Centres of Vocational Excellence (ENTRE CoVEs)** *Facilitator: Mariavittoria Garlappi, ETF* Being an entrepreneurial CoVE is *a journey* that can occur around *four integrated dimensions*: Teaching and learning practices, Organisational processes, Products and services development and Relationships with the Ecosystem. This new concept has been

	developed by the ENE Partnership. This session will share outcomes of this ENE partnership supported by CoVES practices to inform ENE network. *Presenter:* *Andreas Georgiou, Head of Innovation Unit, CARDET (Center for the Advancement of Research & Development in Educational Technology), Cyprus* *Panellists:* • *Kawtar Iraqi Husseini, Manager Career Center, ESITH (Ecole Supérieure des Industries du Textile et de l'Habillement), Morocco* • *Cezara Fetescu, Ph.D. Deputy Director for practical training, Centre of Excellence in Economy and Finance, Moldova* Q&A
10:00 – 10:15	**<u>Session 7</u>: Vocational Excellence and Career Education and Career Guidance: what role for CoVEs?** *Facilitator: Florian Kadletz, ETF* Career Education and Guidance is one of the core thematic approaches in ENE, since VET Excellence should ensure high quality skills and competences that lead to quality employment and career opportunities, which meet the needs of an innovative, inclusive and sustainable economy. ENE team, based on ENESAT results, will feed discussions in this session to better understand how CoVEs in some participating countries are activating career education and guidance services in their institutions. This will be supported by ENE CoVEs identified practices. *Panelists:* • *Ms Haykuhi Gevorgyan, head of Career Guidance and Capacity, Development Centre (CGCDC) and CEO NGO CareerLab, Armenia;* • *Ms Jennifer McKenzie (Ireland), Cedefop CareersNet Core Expert for Ireland and former Director of the National Centre for Guidance in Education (NCGE) in Ireland* Q&A
10:15 – 10:30	Virtual Coffee Break

10:30-11:10	**<u>Session 8</u>: Connecting the dots (I). Vocational Excellence and Internationalization: moving forward working agendas** *Facilitators: Simona Rinaldi & J. Manuel Galvin Arribas, ETF* In the current international context, CoVEs are expected to become driving forces to support countries in improving their international capacities to transmit excellence; to increase mobility of teachers and learners; to support mobilization of resources, to build new partnerships and co-create new projects. *Panellists:* • *Joao Santos, Senior expert, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission - VET Excellence and Internationalisation. Vision, role and opportunities provided by the EC* • *Julian Stanley, ETF - Strengthening international dimension of CoVEs* • *Iñigo Araiztegui, Director for Internationalization, Tknika - VET Excellence and Internationalisation strategies in the EU MSs: the case of TKNIKA (country Basque, Spain).* • *José Oberson Mau, Head of Division Vocational education and training and youth work, MOVETIA, Switzerland - VET Excellence and Internationalization: international partners experience* • *Tamara Zakarashvili, Director "Construction College Construct2", Georgia - VET Excellence and Internationalization in ENE CoVEs*
11.10 - 11:20	Interactive activity
11:20 – 12:05	**<u>Session 9</u>. Connecting the dots (II). Vocational Excellence and CoVEs: how to connect policy learning with policy making?** *Facilitators: Simona Rinaldi and Georgios Zisimos, ETF* *Simona Rinaldi and Georgios Zisimos, ETF* ENE is providing a platform for CoVEs, Community of practitioners in Vocational Excellence, to share practices (peer to peer approaches), co-creating new knowledge/methodologies, building new partnerships, etc. CoVEs practitioners are core group of experts- pathfinders- on VET Excellence, who try to lead on sharing their experiences to further inform both national/local and international levels on how VET Excellence is continuously developed (e.g in which thematic areas and activities; how this is done; what are the resources needed to

	continue developing and improving; with whom they should work in partnership for shaping excellent skill ecosystems, etc.). ENE experience informs that CoVEs practitioners and policy makers should enter together into dialogue at national, local and regional and international levels to discuss on how CoVEs experiences should be used for on-going VET policy reforms, and for strategic frameworks to continue developing and improving Vocational Excellence approaches. *Panellists:* • *Mohamed Semmaa, project manager at the General Directorate, Office de la Formation Professionnelle et de Promotion du Travail (OFPPT) & Mr. Najib Hamouti - International Relations- Ecole Supérieure des Industries du Textile et de l'Habillement (ESITH) - Morocco* • *1 representative Ministry (tbc) & Bige Tinmazsoy Susuzlu, General manager, Bursa Coşkunöz Education Foundation, Republic of Türkiye* • *Mr. Silviu Gincu, Head of VET Department of Ministry of Education and Research & Ms Mariana Barladeanu, Director of Centre of Excellence in Energetics and Electronics, Republic of Moldova* • *Iryna Shumik, Director General of the Directorate of Vocational Education, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine & 1 CoVE, Ukraine, tbc* • *Mr. Nurdaulet Zhanaidarov, Head of Department for Coordination of Projects and Partnerships, Talap & 1 COVE from Kazakhstan (tbc)*
12:05 – 12:15	**Concluding remarks and closure of the meeting** *Georgios Zisimos & José Manuel Galvin Arribas, ETF*