

AGENDA

TITLE:

Webinar on achieving vocational excellence through sharing experiences and shared learning

SUBJECTS:

(1) Enhancing collaboration with the private sector to design and deliver relevant and responsive training programmes and (2) utilising innovation, smart specialisation, and socio-economic development as leverages to build skills ecosystems.

SUMMARY:

The path to vocational excellence is not a one-size-fits-all journey, but rather a dynamic process shaped by the unique ambitions, capacities, and contexts of each institution. With varying levels of experience and maturity, vocational education and training (VET) providers face distinct challenges and progress at different paces. Yet, one common thread is clear: learning from the successes and struggles of others can significantly accelerate this journey. This is where ISATCOVE steps in—a powerful tool designed to help VET providers navigate their own path to excellence by tapping into a wealth of shared knowledge and best practices.

It is also clear that effective approaches can lead to acceleration and that organizations are encouraged in their journey towards vocational excellence. Therefore, it's crucial that good practices reach others and are shared more widely in an effective way. Rather than thinking in terms of “not invented by me”, it is worth to learn from other practices as they have gone through the entire journey to support their peers. Therefore, it would be helpful if there is a place where people active in vocational excellence could seek support to help them to proceed in their journey. Although readily available resources, and good practice examples exist on the topic of CoVEs, there is a strong need among policy makers and practitioners for a clear and user-friendly overview and distribution of existing knowledge tools.

The Internationalising Vocational Excellence (IntVE) project funded by the European Union is jumping into this void with the International Self-Assessment Tool for Centres of Vocational Excellence (ISATCOVE) that supports centres to reflect upon their development level in achieving vocational excellence and finding their way towards resources that can help them in the next step forward. ISATCOVE is launched in 2023 by ETF and is a practical support for VET providers in achieving vocational excellence. The tool helps VET providers to find out what vocational excellence consists of and to set developmental targets. Rather than offering a one-size-fits-all approach, ISATCOVE is flexible: VET centres can select the criteria and indicators most relevant to them. If a centre feels less experienced on some aspect, it can select that criteria, look at the indicators, at all the good practices and resources in the database and see how other people are dealing with similar challenges. It widens their horizons about what they could be doing and set targets for the next step towards vocational excellence.

Building upon this idea of sharing and learning and strengthening the learning dimension of ISATCOVE, ETF is working on unlocking existing resources that can help VET providers in any stage of vocational excellence. Think about resources like good practices, publications, research data, video's and many more. The idea of providing

just-in-time support for VET providers that either have no idea where to start in their journey, or have specific needs, or would like to check whether they are on the right track, or are looking for inspiration to improve themselves. From a survey that ETF disseminated at the start of the second phase of IntVE among VET providers, it seems that there is a request for more specific resources for two specific challenges. In the first place how to **“enhance collaboration with the private sector to design and deliver relevant and responsive training programmes”**, the second challenge is how to **“Utilise innovation, smart specialisation, and socio-economic development as leverages to build skills ecosystems”**. For these two specific challenges, ETF is currently developing two knowledge packages. The knowledge packages will enable both users of ISATCOVE, as well as VET providers that did not (yet) use the tool to easily find resources related to vocational excellence.

To further support the development of these knowledge packages, ETF will host two webinars focused on these challenges. During the webinar experienced VET providers will share their journey, solutions, and vision for vocational excellence. The webinars encourage interactive dialogue, allowing you as a participant to share experiences and identify your support needs.

ETF invites you to join one or both webinars and contribute to this knowledge-sharing initiative.

	Webinar 1:	Webinar 2
Topic	Enhance collaboration with the private sector to design and deliver relevant and responsive training programmes.	Utilise innovation, smart specialisation, and socio-economic development as leverages to build skills ecosystems
Date and time	Wednesday 13 th of November 10:00-11:30 CET	Monday 25 th of November 10:00-11:30 CET
Use the following registration link to reserve your spot!		

Both webinars will have a similar programme, each with a different speaker and topic:

Time	Agenda Item	Owner
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome by ETF Introduction of the theme and expectations of the webinar	Jolien van Uden (ETF) Pauline van den Bosch
10:15 - 10:30	Internationalising Vocational Excellence: are we all up to date? Latest development of the IntVE project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where do we come from? - Where are we now? - Next steps forward 	Jolien van Uden
10:30 – 11:00	The journey towards vocational excellence Tête à tête with a VET centre on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - their ambition - where are they now - how they got there - the main challenges and how did they overcome them - their “bucket list” 	Pauline van den Bosch Willem Kleinendorst Speaker from VET centre
11:00 – 11:20	What about your journey? Short inventory of the challenges among the participants, followed by a discussion on needs for resources.	Via Slido or Mentimeter Pauline van den Bosch Willem Kleinendorst
11:20 – 11:30	Closing remarks and next steps forward	Jolien van Uden Pauline van den Bosch