Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE)

Skills ecosystems for innovation, regional development, and social inclusion

(See animation video on CoVE: [https://europa.eu/!cu83xr](https://europa.eu/!cu83xr))

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**CoVEs aim to:**
Be a driving force for reforms in the Vocational Educational and Training (VET) sector, ensuring high quality skills and competences that lead to quality employment and career-long opportunities, meeting the needs of an innovative, inclusive and sustainable economy.

**They will do so:**
By co-creating local **Skills ecosystems** for innovation, regional development, and social inclusion.

**Bringing together:**
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) institutions
- Universities of applied science
- Research centres
- Companies
- Chambers
- Professional or sector associations
- Trade unions
- Policy makers
- Employment services/agencies
- Regional development agencies
- Municipalities

Video describing the concept: [https://europa.eu/!cu83xr](https://europa.eu/!cu83xr)
Linked to strategies for regional development, innovation, smart specialisation, clusters, social inclusion...
Identification of synergies between policies and amongst stakeholders.
Co-creating skills-ecosystems that support strategic development objectives.

Strong and enduring partnerships
VET providers (including at tertiary level), higher education institutions, and businesses, in which interactions are reciprocal and mutually beneficial

Integration of activities
CoVEs achieve more than sum of the parts. Much more than just a diploma/certificate
Any public or private organisation active in the field of vocational education and training, or in the world of work

For example (non-exhaustive list):

- Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers
- Companies, industry or sector representative organisations
- National/regional qualification authorities
- Research institutes
- Innovation agencies
- Regional development authorities
- Public employment services
The partnership must include at least 8 full partners from a minimum of 4 EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme (including at least 2 EU Member States).

Each EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme must include:

a) **at least 1 enterprise**, industry or sector representative organisation, and

b) **at least 1 vocational education and training provider** (at secondary and/or tertiary level).

Further composition of the partnership should reflect the specific nature of the proposal.

Organisations from third countries not associated to the E+ Programme can also participate as full partners, affiliated entities or associated partners (not as applicants), to the extent it is demonstrated that their participation brings an essential added value to the project.
1) **Relevance** *(35 points)*
   ✓ Link to policy, Consistency, Innovation, Regional dimension, Cooperation and partnerships, European added value, Internationalisation, Digital skills, Green skills, Social dimension

2) **Quality of the project design and implementation** *(25 points)*
   ✓ Coherence, Methodology, Management, Budget, Work plan, Financial and quality control

3) **Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements** *(25 points)*
   ✓ Configuration, Upward convergence, Geographical dimension, Involvement of third countries not associated to the Programme, Commitment, Collaboration

4) **Impact** *(25 points)*
   ✓ Exploitation, Dissemination, Impact on individuals and organisations, and Sustainability

Award criteria
✓ Call ID: **ERASMUS-EDU-2022-PEX-COVE**
✓ **Erasmus+ 2022 call** published on 24 November 2021
✓ Deadline for applications 7 September 2022

✓ Project duration: 4 years
✓ Maximum grant: €4 million per project
✓ Grants available for 2022 call: €48 million, 12 projects

➢ **Grants 2021-2027: €400 million for 100 CoVE networks**
Centres of Vocational Excellence
Erasmus+ 2019 & 2020 Pilot projects

- Advanced Manufacturing 4.0
  https://examhub.eu/

- Cultural and creative industries
  http://deusci.eu/

- Microelectronics
  https://ecovem.eu/

- Inclusive excellence
  https://www.thegiveproject.eu/

- Green Innovation
  http://www.greenovet.eu/

- Urban Greening
  https://www.platformurbangreening.eu/

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- Water sector
  https://povewater.eu/

- IoT in Smart manufacturing
  https://talentjourney.si/

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- Digital Innovation Hub
  https://dihubcloud.eu/

- Finfish industry
  http://www.bridges.eu/

- Innovation in the Green Economy
  https://3-loe.eu/

- Furniture and Wood
  https://www.allview.eu/

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Europa Website on CoVE:  
https://ec.europa.eu/social/vocational-excellence

The Erasmus+ programme  
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

European Training Foundation (ETF) Website:  
www.etf.europa.eu

Functional mailbox for all questions related to CoVE calls:  
EACEA-EPLUS-VET@ec.europa.eu

Applying for Erasmus+ CoVE funding  

The Center of Vocational Excellence Match Making Map (developed by Katapult):  
https://www.wearekatapult.eu/cove-match-making-map/
Questions ?
Thank you!