Capacity building in the field of Vocational education and training (CB VET 2023)

Infoday on Erasmus+ International dimension: Special focus on newcomers

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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

They aim to support the

- **Relevance**
- **Accessibility**
- **Responsiveness**

of VET institutions and systems in third countries not associated to the Programme

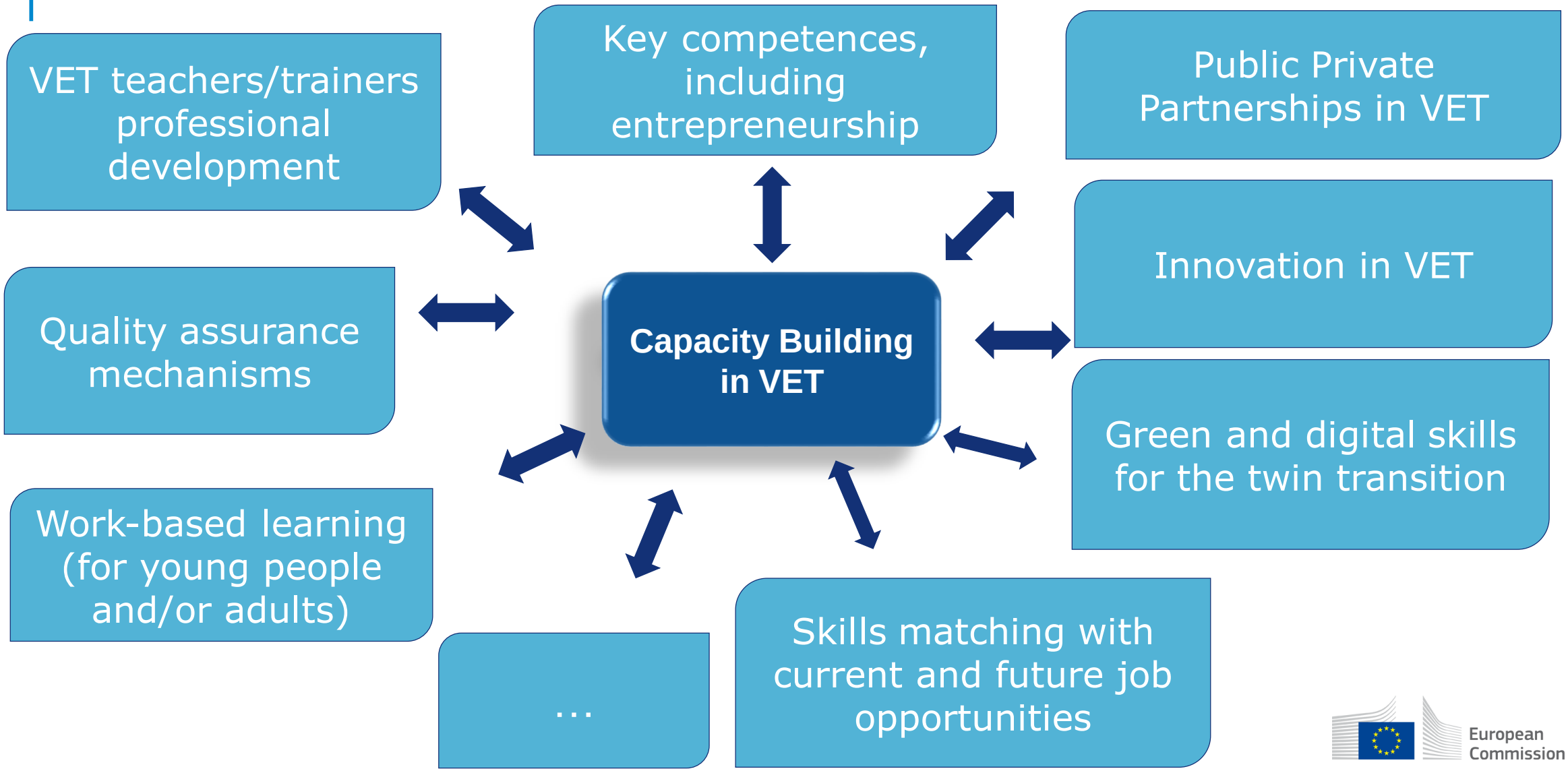
OBJECTIVES

- **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



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ACTIVITIES

Building and strengthening the capacities of organisations active in the field of VET **principally in the third countries not associated to the Programme covered by the action**

For example:

- 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 and methods**, 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

In case learner and staff mobility activities are proposed, these should contribute directly to the objectives of the project

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WHAT COUNTRIES CAN PARTICIPATE ?
WHAT INDICATIVE BUDGET EXISTS?

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

Indicative total budget
EUR 27 116 244

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REGIONS COVERED - THIRD COUNTRIES NOT ASSOCIATED TO THE PROGRAMME

- Western Balkans (Region 1)
- Neighbourhood East (Region 2) – ***except Belarus***
- South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)
- Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9)
- Latin America (Region 10)
- Caribbean (Region 11)

Indicative budget for **each region** will be published in FTOP portal (*in the section Call updates)* in the coming days

For countries belonging to regions see the Programme guide – section "Eligible countries"

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REGIONAL PRIORITIES

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

Western Balkans

* Economic and Investment Plan and/or the European Training Foundation recommendations under the Torino process;
* Mobility of learners and staff

Neighbourhood East

* Economic and Investment Plan and/or the European Training Foundation recommendations under the Torino process.

South - Mediterranean countries

* Economic and Investment Plan and/or the European Training Foundation recommendations under the Torino process.

If one or more ETF (European Training Foundation) partner countries, the proposal should provide evidence of responding to ETF recommendations formulated in the relevant Torino process regional reports. (Links to the reports are in the Programme guide)

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Sub-Saharan Africa

* least developed countries; migration priority countries; no country will access more than 8% of funding foreseen for the Region;
* respective geographic Multi-annual Indicative Programmes at country or regional level.

Latin America

* regional projects (projects involving more than one eligible third country not associated to the Programme) or projects in lower and upper middle income countries;
* respective geographic Multi-annual Indicative Programme at country or regional level.

Caribbean

* regional projects (projects involving more than one eligible third country not associated to the Programme) or projects in least developed, lower and upper middle income countries;
* respective geographic Multi-annual Indicative Programme at country or regional level.

For least developed countries; migration priority countries, lower and upper middle income countries see the Programme guide – section "Eligible countries"

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HORIZONTAL ASPECTS

Applicants are required to take into account

Inclusion and diversity

Environmental sustainability

Digital dimension

Common values, civic engagement and participation

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What is the role of participating organisations

Erasmus+ Programme Guide (part D – Glossary of terms – Common terms)

- **Applicant/coordinator** (compulsory) - a participating organisation that submits the project proposal on behalf of all the partners
- **Full Partners** (compulsory) participating organisations which contribute actively to the accomplishment of the project
- **Affiliated entities** (optional): organisations which contribute to the achievement of project objectives and activities. They are not counted for the minimum number of partners and consoritum composition. *They are receiving a grant and are listed in the financial table (budget)*
- **Associated partners** (optional): if they bring an essential added value to the project *(e.g.* specific project tasks/activities or support the dissemination and sustainability of the project). They are not counted for the minimum number of partners and consoritum composition. *They are not receiving a grant and are not listed in the financial table (budget)*

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Who can apply/participate?

APPLICANT/ COORDINATOR	PARTICIPANT (full partner, affiliated entity or associated partner)
EU Member States (27) + **Third countries associated to the Programme (6)** Iceland Liechtenstein Norway North Macedonia Serbia Türkiye	**EU Member States (27)** + **Third countries associated to the Programme (6)** + **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 Erasmus+ Programme guide) **Exception**: *Organisations from Belarus (Region 2) are not eligible*

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Minimum requirements to participate

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	At least 4 organisations	From minimum 3 countries
Scenario 1	2 organisations (coordinator+ full partner) + 2 organisations (full partners)	2 EU MSs + 1 eligible Third country not associated to the Programme
Scenario 2	2 organisations (coordinator+ full partner) + 2 organisations (full partners)	2 Third countries associated to the Programme + 1 eligible Third country not associated to the Programme
Scenario 3	2 organisations (coordinator+ full partner) + 2 organisations (full partners)	1 EU MS + 1 Third country associated to the Programme + 1 eligible Third country not associated to the Programme
NOT POSSIBLE	Number of organisations from EU MSs and Third countries associated to the Programme CAN NOT BE HIGHER than number of organisations from eligible Third country not associated to the Programme Example: 3 organisations from 2 EU MSs + 2 organisations from 1 Third country not associated to the Programme (not possible)	

ATTENTION: Affiliated entities and associated partners are not counted in these above requirements.

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What types of organisations can participate?

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Eligible participating organisations:

- **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.

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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.

ATTENTION: NEW

The consortium must include at least one VET provider at non-tertiary education level.

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Call ID: ERASMUS-EDU-2023-CB-VET

Duration

1 or 2 or 3 years

Budget

Total EU grant per project: from 100.000 € to 400.000€

Total EU grant for all projects: 27 116 244 €

EU grant can cover maximum of 80% of a total budget of a project

Where to apply

Call ID: ERASMUS-EDU-2023-CB-VET

Funding and Tenders opportunities portal

Deadline

28 February 2023 at 17:00:00

(Brussels time - CET)

In August 2023 you could expect an answer if your project was selected. If yes, we will sign a contract in November 2023.

Venues of the activities: The activities must take place in the countries of the organisations participating in the project (exception: seats of EU institutions, or in EU MSs, third countries associated or not associated in duly justified cases – relevant events)

Financial mechanism: Lump sums Type II (no tables with costs, use actual costs)

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Basic results of selection 2022 (deadline: 31/3/2022)

Number of submitted projects: **121**

Number of inadmissible projects: **4** (reason: not correct applications form used)

Number of ineligible projects: **23** (reasons: applicant/coordinator from not eligible country; not enough countries/partners; more organisations from EU and third countries associated to the Programme THAN organisations from third countries not associated to the Porgramme; one organisation submitted more than one application)

Number of evaluated projects: **93**

Number of projects reaching threshold and above (60 points and more): **58**

Total budget requested for above-threshold projects: 21 321 260 EUR

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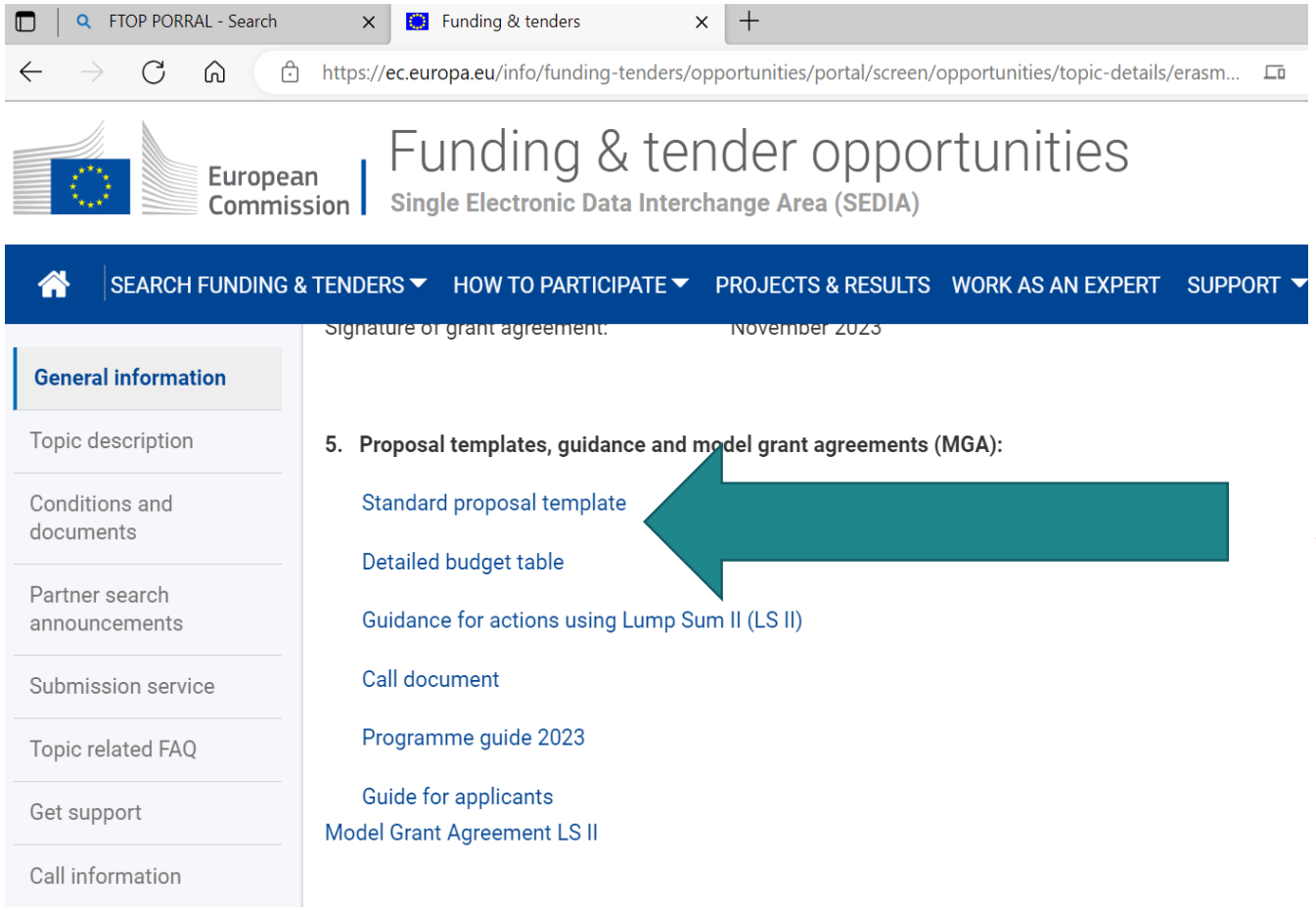
TIPS FOR NEWCOMERS – HOW TO START

- CALL CB VET is in FTOP portal – visit the web page



Application form

TIPS FOR NEWCOMERS – HOW TO START

- Read the Programme guide (action CB VET) and decide with your management if you be involved in a project
- Info session CB VET – 7/12/2022 – participate (for sure if you will be a coordinator)
- How to find applicant/coordinator (advice) – will be update in December 2022
- Contact organisations you know in EU Member States and/or third countries associated to the Programme today and start preparing a project
- Contact organisations from third countries not associated to the programme and start preparing a project
- Check in January 2023 selected CB VET projects in FTOP portal
- Help desk: EACEA-EPLUS-CBVET@ec.europa.eu

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TIPS FOR NEWCOMERS – SUCCESSFUL PROJECT

✓ **Be coherent:** avoid contradictions and “cut and paste” style applications

✓ **Be concrete:** use examples, justify your claims, provide evidence

✓ **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

✓ **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

Thank you

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