

### **Priority 4:** Structures and mechanisms for Applied research in VET

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## Understanding "Science" based and "Practice" based Innovation

The role of applying scientific findings and technologies in Closed research and development environments is diminishing.

According to the Innovation in Europe survey, only 4% of innovations are based on academic research. The survey also shows that the **most significant sources of innovation are customer contacts, company networks** and the like. These produce 96% of innovations.

**Innovations usually evolve from a practical need**, and they are developed in a context that is far removed from the environment where scientific innovations are produced.

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## VET pro-active in the "Knowledge triangle"

**Research and Development** 

**VET** fostering Entrepreneurial attitudes and **STEAM skills** 



**Vocational Education and** training (including Higher VET)

New Knowledge improves viet

teaching and learning methods

VET skills as an input for ment VET skills as an input for development (applied) research development

VET skills as a key input for Business innovation and competitiveness

Knowledge of market needs push for relevant VET curricula and qualifications **Business**/ Industry

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#### Australia: Building a research & evaluation culture in VET

#### VET applied research: a missing piece in the innovation system



#### A developmental framework



See: NCVER publication: Developing VET applied research: steps towards enhancing VET's role in the innovation system, By Francesca Beddie, Linda Simon

## **Contributing to Vocational Excellence (CoVE)**



### The aim of the projects on Applied research in VET

- Identify, assess, test, and develop structures and mechanisms for applied research in VET, to broaden its engagement in R&D and innovation systems
- Build the capacity of VET systems with the close involvement of teachers and trainers, as well as VET learners, to undertake applied research and manage innovation projects together with other organisations, and in particular SMEs.
- Based on its experience, the project will propose a reference framework (operational and financial) aimed at mainstreaming applied research and experimental development in VET provision, making use of private as well as public (national and EU) funding instruments.



## Specific award criteria, project duration & funding

#### Specific award criteria

The extent to which the proposal develops a coherent plan to set-up structures and mechanisms for applied research in VET, which is designed to interact and benefit the teaching and learning process, while responding to the external organisations needs for innovation and development.

#### Participating organisations in the project

For at least 3 of the participating countries, the partnerships must include both employers (or their representatives), as well as E&T organisations.

Project duration:24 monthsMaximum EU grant per project:€700,000Indicative number of projects:7



# Thank you



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