Erasmus+ Programme

Capacity building in the field of Vocational Education and Training (CB VET)

How to find an applicant that can submit a project[1]?

Advice to potential CB VET partners from third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme[2] when searching for an applicant or a partner:

1. If you already have contacts with VET providers in EU Member States or third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme, get in touch with them to check if they plan to apply under this action.

2. You could also contact Eropean networks of VET Providers (e.g. EVTA, EVBB, EfVET, EUproVET) and networks that represent higher education institutions also active in the field of VET (e.g. EURASHE, EUCEN). See more details here. These networks could help you identify potential partners in Europe. Please be precise in your request, for example linked to fields of cooperation, preferred country or language capacities.

3. In case for searching for an organisation active in lifelong guidance, counselling, learning mobility and career management you can contact the European network Euroguidance.

4. Involve other organizations from your country – make your project stronger.

5. Involve other organizations from other countries of the same region – it might be they have contacts to organizations from EU/third countries associated to the Programme.

6. Look at Erasmus+ VET-related projects supported over the last (2014-2020) or the current (2021-2027) programming period on the Erasmus+ Project Results Platform. You can see project descriptions and involved VET organizations (Excel list can be extracted), which you could contact.

7. Use the section Partner search announcements in the Funding & Tenders Opportunities Portal (FTOP). Insert in "Topic": ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CB-VET.

8. Contact VET experts from your country – they might help you to find a coordinator/partner.

9. You might post a research item/news for a possible applicant/partner via the EPALE (Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe) platform and/or you could register to the Community of European VET practitioners.

10. Look at CEDEFOP studies and publications in order to better understand the variety of VET structures/stakeholders in EU Member States. REFERNET – is a network of institutions. It provides information on national vocational education and training (VET) systems and policies in the EU Member States, Iceland and Norway. Find more information about REFERNET here.

11. The Katapult Network includes a network and matchmaking tool to build relationships with new partners. The direct link to the matchmaking tool is here. How does it work?

12. If you are a member of the European Training Foundation (ETF) Open Space, you may look for partners there. In particular, you may contact the Network run by the European Training Foundation (ETF) that includes numerous VET centers in Europe and ETF partner countries as well as the ETF Quality Assurance forum that involves more than 20 countries. In this context, you may consult the ETF regions and countries.

13. Contact National Erasmus+ Office – NEO (see the list here) or Erasmus+ National Focal Points – ENFP (see the list here), which may have received requests for cooperation from potential CB VET applicants. NEOs cover these regions: *Western Balkans, Neighbourhood East, South-Mediterranean countries* and ENFPs cover these regions: *Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Caribbean.*

Consult the *latest publication on CB-VET 2024* here, with important updates, useful resources such as tips for applicants and online presentations in several languages, among others.

Submission of applications and deadline can be found in the Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal (FTOP)

For more information on the action, please contact EACEA-EPLUS-CBVET@ec.europa.eu

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[1] *An application (a project) must be submitted by an organisation from an EU Member State (i.e. Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden) or a third country associated to the Erasmus+ Programme (i.e. North Macedonia, Serbia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey).*

[2] *Third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme from the following eligible regions (see Programme Guide): Western Balkans, Neighbourhood East (except Belarus), South-Mediterranean countries, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Caribbean*