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# Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE) *Welcome session*



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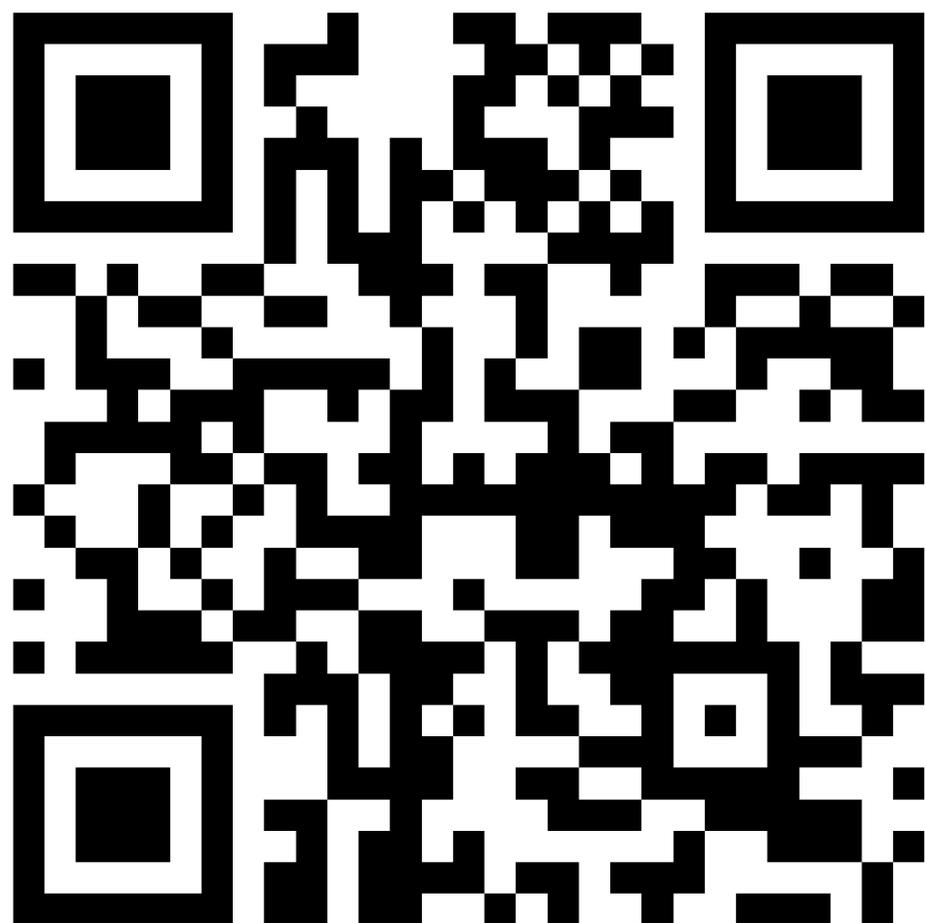


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#### Skills for jobs

- Understanding skills
- EU Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals

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- The European Entrepreneurship Competence Framework (EntreComp)
- European Skills/Competences, Qualifications and Occupations (ESCO)

#### Working together

- Helping people to develop skills throughout their lives

## Centres of Vocational Excellence



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## Partnership for Excellence - Centres of Vocational Excellence

TOPIC ID: ERASMUS-EDU-2021-PEX-COVE

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General information	General information
Topic description	Programme <b>Erasmus+ Programme (ERASMUS)</b>
Conditions and documents	Work programme part <b><a href="#">ERASMUS-2021</a></b>
Partner search	Call <b><a href="#">Partnership for Excellence - Centres of Vocational Excellence (ERASMUS-EDU-2021-PEX-COVE)</a></b>
Submission service	Type of action <b>ERASMUS-LS ERASMUS Lump Sum Grants</b>
Topic related FAQ	Deadline model <b>single-stage</b>
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*Vocational education and training is more important than ever. Providing people with the skills they need and that help them find a quality job, is one of our central responses to the recovery, and key for the green and digital transitions. Our initiatives on vocational excellence will continue to be based on innovation, transnational collaboration and social fairness.*

**Nicolas Schmit**

Commissioner | Jobs and Social Rights

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#EUBridgetoJobs





# Joao Santos

European Commission, Senior expert



Senior expert at the European Commission in the Unit responsible for Vocational Education and Training (VET) Policy. The unit is also responsible for the policy orientation of the Erasmus+ programme in the VET sector.

Previously worked in a geographical desk, involved in the negotiations and monitoring of the EU structural policies. His responsibilities included Employment, Skills, Social Protection and Social inclusion.

He also worked on international relations covering the employment and social affairs dimension of EU bilateral cooperation with China, USA, and Canada, as well as on multilateral cooperation within the United Nations framework, on issues related to the Social Dimension of Globalization and the Decent work Agenda.

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# Centres of Vocational Excellence

*"Skills ecosystems" for innovation,  
regional development, and social inclusion*

*Online information session on the 2021  
Erasmus+ call*

*30 April 2021*

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# Skills

## *The policy context (2020)*



- Commission Communication: “**European Skills Agenda** for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience”



- Council Recommendation: **Vocational education and training** for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience



- Commission Communication on **the European Education Area**

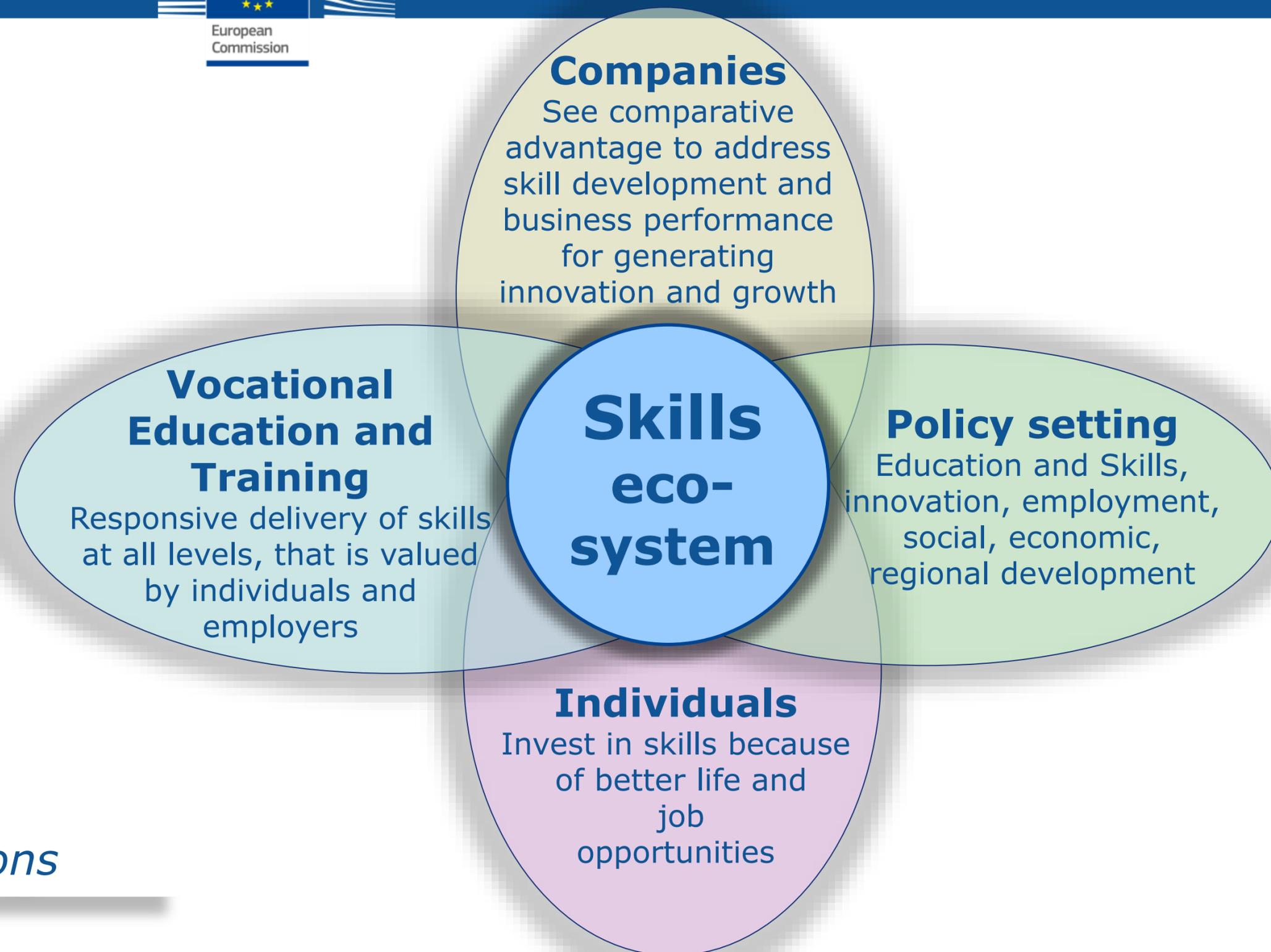


# Fostering local/regional “Skills ecosystems”



## *Bringing together:*

- *Policy makers*
- *Companies*
- *Chambers*
- *Trade unions*
- *VET institutions*
- *Universities of applied science*
- *Research centres*
- *Employment services/agencies*
- *Regional development agencies*
- *Municipalities*
- *Professional or sector associations*



➤ **Strong and enduring partnerships**

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

➤ **Anchored into frameworks of regional development, innovation and smart specialisation**

Allows for the identification of synergies between policies and amongst stakeholders, avoiding ad-hoc actions

➤ **Integration of activities**

CoVEs achieve more than sum of the parts



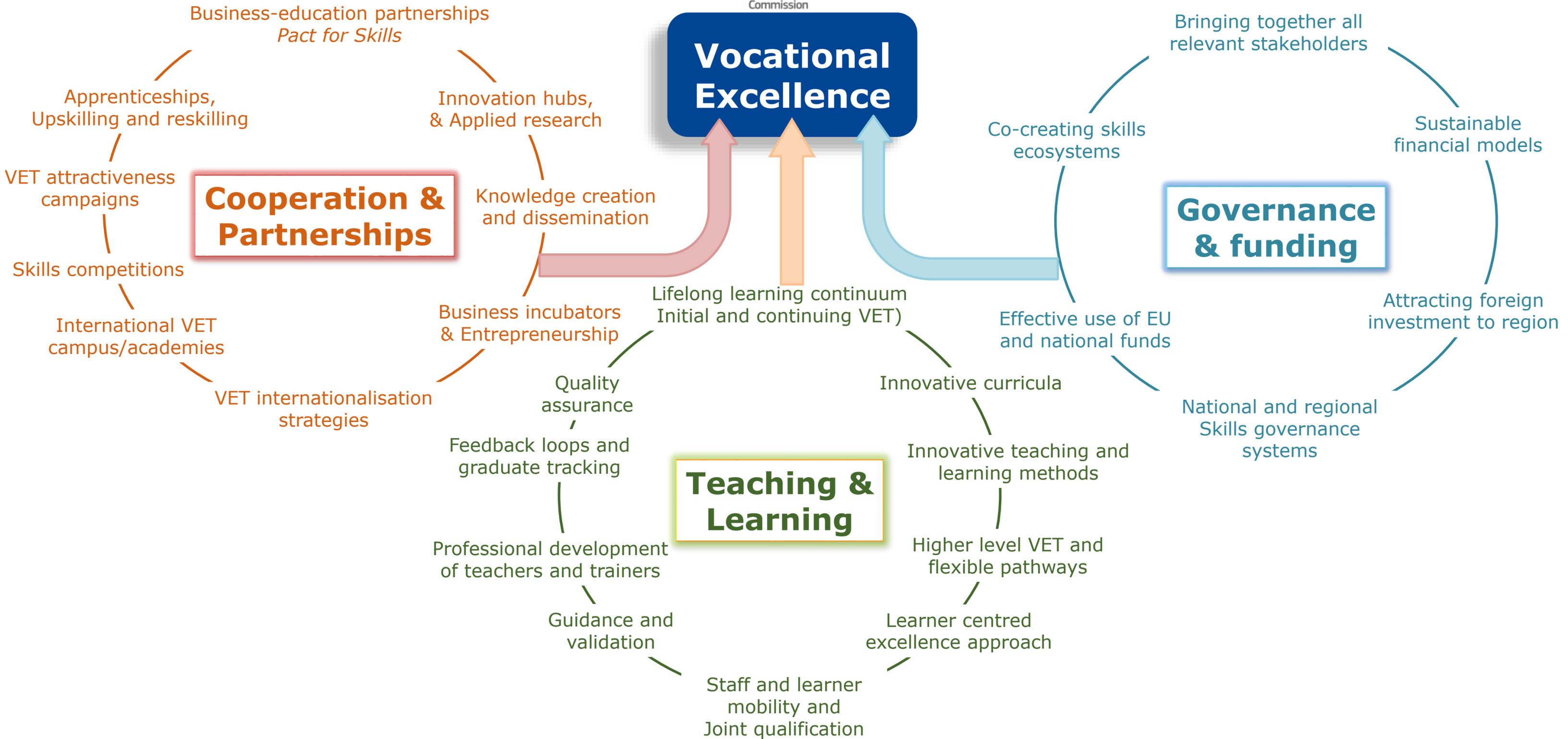
# Typical activities of CoVE's

*Pro-active partner in local development*



European Commission

## Vocational Excellence





## Foster Vocational Excellence at two levels

### NATIONAL

Through Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE)

Operating in a given local context, embedding them closely in the local innovation and skills ecosystems, working with businesses, chambers, tertiary education, research institutions, public authorities, etc.

### INTERNATIONAL

Through Platforms of CoVE's to establish world-class reference points for VET by bringing together partners that share a common interest in:

- Specific sectors/trades - *such as aeronautics, e-mobility, green technologies, healthcare, textiles...*
- Societal challenges - *such as integration of migrants, Digitalisation, AI, SDG, upskilling and reskilling...*

# Networks of Vocational Excellence

## *On what will they cooperate?*



**Networks** connecting training providers, and a wide range of partners, for:

- **Capacity-building**, sharing experience and know-how among partners
- Internationalisation strategies for **mobility** of *learners, staff, VET leaders*
- Innovative **teaching** and **training** methods (*building on Digitalisation*)
- Anticipating **future skill needs**
- Developing **Joint VET curricula/qualifications**
- **Applied research** projects
- Sharing of **resources** and **equipment**
- Establishing **innovation hubs**, with SME
- **Project based** learning, and **entrepreneurial incubators**
- ...



# Centres of Vocational Excellence Erasmus+ 2019 & 2020 Pilot projects



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Advanced Manufacturing 4.0  
<https://examhub.eu/>



Water sector  
<https://povewater.eu/>



Digital Innovation Hub  
<https://dihubcloud.eu/>



Cultural and creative industries  
<http://deuscci.eu/>



IoT in Smart manufacturing  
<https://talentjourney.si/>



Inclusive excellence  
<https://www.efvet.org/portfolio-items/give-governance-for-inclusive-vocational-excellence/>



Microelectronics  
<https://ecovem.eu/>



Finfish industry  
<http://www.bridges.eu/>



Furniture and Wood  
<https://www.allview.eu/>



Green Innovation  
<http://www.greenovet.eu/>



Urban Greening  
<https://www.facebook.com/European-Platform-Urban-Greening-106220718115727/>



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



- **2021-2027:** €400 million for 100 Platforms of Centres of Vocational Excellence
- **Applicant:** Any participating organisation established in a Programme Country.
- **Partners:** Any public or private organisation active in field of VET, or world of work. Can be from any country in the world, but non-programme partners must bring an 'essential added value' to the project
- **Partnership:** must include at least 8 full partners from a minimum of 4 Programme
  - 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)*
- **EQF levels:** Can be focused on any EQF level but must also include levels 3, 4 or 5
- **Maximum EU grant per project:** €4 million (*maximum EU co-financing 80%*)
- **Duration of projects:** 4 years

# Centres of Vocational Excellence

## *The way forward ...*



- Publication of the 2021 **Erasmus+ call** ([on 25 March 2021](#)), deadline for applications 7 September
- **Information session** organised by DGEMPL and EACEA (30 April 2021)
- Applications submitted through the European Commission **Funding & tender opportunities** portal
- Development (by VET community) of a **matching tool** to link CoVE project partners
- Establishment of **Community of Practice** on Vocational Excellence
- **CoVE Support services**  
*Knowledge, Networking, Technical assistance Hubs*
- CoVEs featuring at **Online Educa Berlin (OEB)**, 1–3 December 2021



# The Match Making Map of Centres of Vocational Excellence

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<https://netwerk.wijzinkatapult.nl/cove/>

## How does it work?

1. Put yourself on the match making map by filling out [this form](#).
2. Press the 'put me on the map button' and you will publish your information on the map, for other potential partners to find you.
3. If you are looking for partners, [please go to the map](#). By selecting the search button you can filter the potential partners on the map.



# Vocational Excellence in the wider global context



**Jens Liebe**



**Denise Amyot**



**Pieter Moerman**



**Manuela Prina**



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# Jens Liebe

UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre for  
Technical and Vocational Education and Training



Leads the team on "Innovation and the Future of TVET", which includes the Bridging and Learning in TVET (BILT) project and the i-hubs initiative.

He serves as Regional Focal Point for 'Europe, CIS and North America' and established the UNEVOC TVET Leadership Programme, a UNESCO flagship programme for mid- to senior-level TVET experts.

Previous responsibilities at UNESCO-UNEVOC include leading the UNEVOC Network secretariat and providing the Head of Office on the global Network development strategy.

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President and CEO,  
Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan)



Colleges and Institutes Canada  
Collèges et instituts Canada

Was appointed in 2013 President/CEO of Colleges and Institutes Canada, the voice of Canada's colleges, institutes, cegeps and polytechnics, and an international leader in education for employment in over 25 countries.

Was the President/CEO of the Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation, a Federal Crown Corporation. Has worked as Assistant Deputy Minister at the federal level.

Past Chair of the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics and Chair of the Advisory Committee of the Institute of Science, Society and Policy (ISSP).

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Public-private partnerships Professional,  
Katapult-network, Belgium

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VOOR MORGEN

Specialized in public-private partnerships between vocational education and businesses.

He is co-founder of the Katapult-network, a network of over 350 of these partnerships, a learning network that supports these public-private partnerships with tools and guidance.

He holds a PhD on governance and problem solving capacity in public-private partnerships in vocational and higher education.

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# Manuela Prina

Head of the Skills Identification and Development Unit,  
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Manuela is Head of the Skills Identification and Development Unit, within the Knowledge Hub department of the European Training Foundation (ETF), the EU Agency supporting countries outside the European Union (EU) in the area of human capital development, life-long learning policies and skills identification and development.

She is responsible for steering ETF's work in the area of skills relevance and anticipation, development of skills and validation, leading the knowledge co-creation and sharing across ETF partner countries, with the EU and the international community.

Manuela joined ETF in 2008.

# Centres of Vocational Excellence – *The first experiences*



**Karolina Sikala**



**Adrijana Hodak**



**Paolo Nardi**



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# Karolina Sikala

International Coordinator at Green Academy Denmark



She is MSc in Agro-Environmental Management from Aarhus University Denmark from 2012. Previously, she was a teacher for 7 years.

Karolina is a regional captain for region Denmark in EPLUG CoVE project. She is also a project leader for ERASDG Erasmus+ KA2 project, where she is coordinating implementation of 17 SDGs in 9 partnering schools from 8 EU countries.

Karolina is a member of the ECVET experts' group in Denmark, where she is helping schools implementing ECVET. In addition, she is a board member of EUROPEA-Denmark, actively involved in ERASMUS+ projects.



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# Adrijana Hodak

Head, Intercompany training centre & manager,  
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Project leader of Talentjourney, the Platform of IoT vocational excellence. She is also a VET ambassador and project leader of Munera 3, a five-year ESF-funded project that aims at training approximately 17,400 employees according to the needs of the modern labour market, industry 4.0 in tight collaboration with companies and smart specialization chains.

She has worked at the School Center Nova Gorica for 22 years where she has served as teacher of German Language, coordinator for international projects and since 2007 holds position as Head of Intercompany Training Center. She is an active member of Consortium of Slovenian School Centers since 2004 and the last five years also representative of the Consortium in EUproVET, the representational platform for European VET providers.

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# Paolo Nardi

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International Affairs and Research Officer at Cometa Formazione and Coordinator of the UNEVOC Centre for Italy. Board Member of VETNET (association of researchers in VET). Fellow at PlusValue.

Board Member of the Journal Economics and Policy of Energy and the Environment. PhD in International Law and Economics at Università Bocconi; MA in Public Policy at Brunel University London. Currently coordinates several international projects, including the CoVE project GIVE.

His research interests shifted from human geography (focus on non-profit, social innovation and community development) to education and training, namely innovations in pedagogy and life skills.

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# Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE) *Applying for Erasmus+ Funding*



**Michele Grombeer**



**Hélène Barry**



**Marco Boursier**



**Sabrina Thom**

European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

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# Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE) *Closing session*



**Florence Mondin**

European Education and Culture  
Executive Agency (EACEA)



**Chiara Riondino**

European Commission,  
Directorate General for Employment,  
Social Affairs and Inclusion



# Florence Mondin

European Education and Culture Executive Agency  
(EACEA),  
Head of Unit



Florence Mondin is Head of Unit for Platforms, Skills and Innovation in the European Education and Culture Executive Agency.

Florence has been working in different services of the European Commission for the past 18 years, always in operational or financial project management.

Her driving forces are: a service-oriented approach, continuous support to beneficiaries, valorisation and dissemination of EU-funded projects and best practices to the benefits of all.

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# Chiara Riondino

European Commission,  
Head of Unit



Chiara Riondino is head of unit for vocational education and training, apprenticeships and adult learning in the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission.

Chiara previously worked as policy coordinator for employment policies and policy assistant to the Director for Employment. In this context, she focused mainly on employment opportunities and challenges in the changing world of work, active labour market policies and fair working conditions.

She also worked more broadly on taking forward the European Pillar on Social Rights.

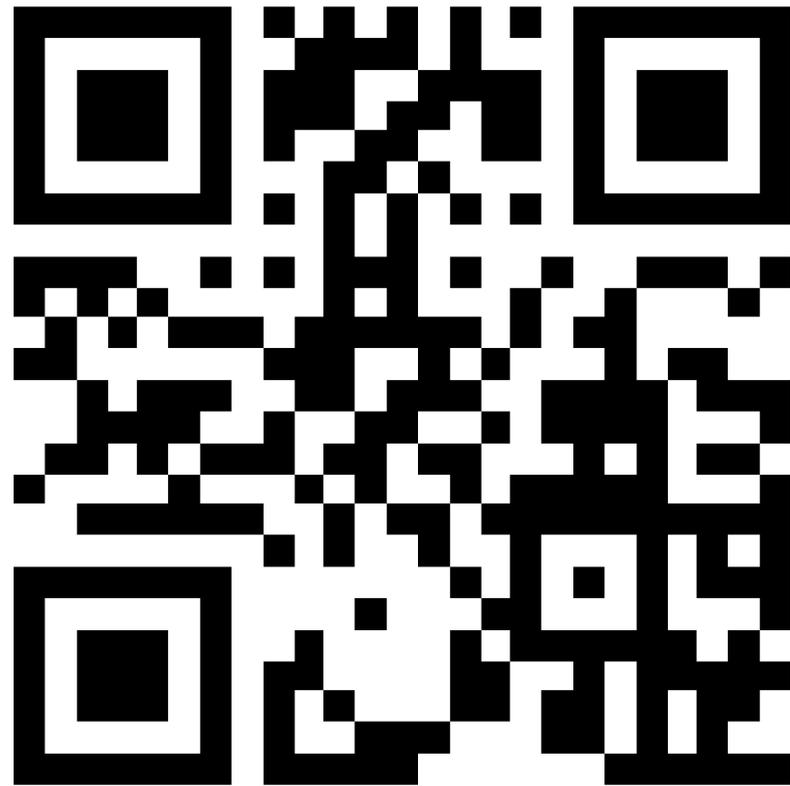
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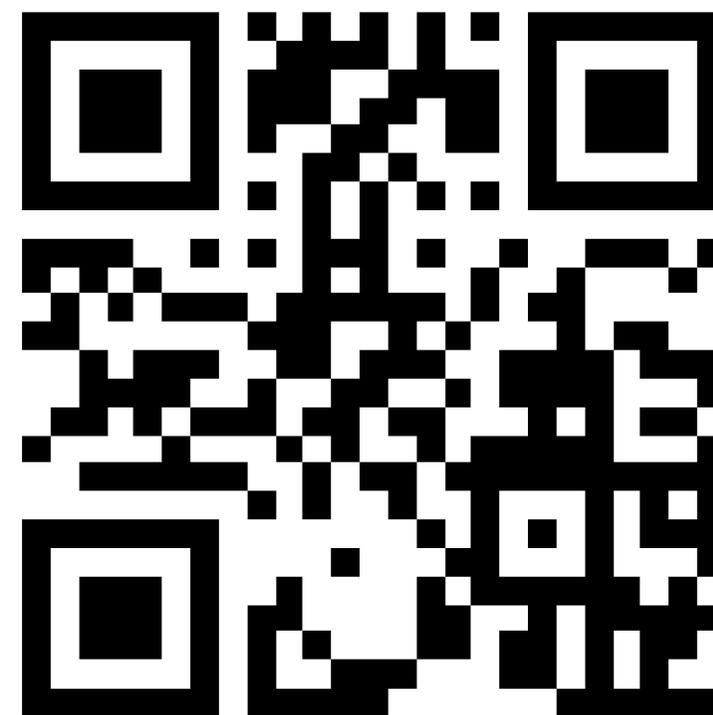
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