



Erasmus + European Policy Experimentation

Topic 2: Vocational Education and Training

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Education and training which aims to equip **young people and adults** with **knowledge, skills and competences** required in particular **occupations** or more broadly on the **labour market**. It may be provided in **formal** and in **non-formal** settings, at **all levels** of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF).

EU Policy framework

2020 Council Recommendation on VET and Osnabrück Declaration,
in broader context of the Skills Agenda and European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan.

Features of this priority (1/2)

Total budget for topic 2 – 10 million EUR (for 2 priorities)

Project budget (maximum grant amount): 1 000 000 EUR per project.

Eligibility criteria (see Call for full information)

- be legal entities (public or private bodies) active in the fields of education and training, research and innovation or in the world of work.
- be established in one of the eligible countries (countries associated to Erasmus+).
- for higher education institutions (HEIs) established in Erasmus+ Programme Countries (see above): be holders of the ECHE certificate (Erasmus Charter for Higher Education).
- a consortium of at least 3 applicants (beneficiaries, not affiliated entities), from a minimum of 3 EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme.
- Projects duration between 24 and 36 months.
- The projects must implement the set of activities as mentioned in the Call.

Features of this priority (2/2)

Award criteria (see Call for full information)

- Relevance of the project (Link to EU initiatives, EU added value, innovative, scope, purpose, etc.)
- Quality: Project design and implementation
- Quality: Partnership and cooperation arrangements
- Impact



Priority 4: Women in GreenTech

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Context: Green Deal Industrial Plan

- Aim: To provide a **more supportive environment** to scale up the EU's manufacturing capacity for the **net-zero technologies** and products required to meet Europe's ambitious climate targets.
- **Skills** - green and digital, at all levels and for all people, with inclusiveness of women and youth at the heart of the Plan.
- **Women** underrepresented both in relevant subfields of VET (STEM) and in the workforce (e.g. renewables)



Expected impact

Projects should

- develop ways to **attract women** to the Net-Zero Technology sector (1)
- and **overcome the obstacles** women face that prevent them from pursuing a career in this field,
- thereby **increasing the participation** of women in the sector.

(1) Commission's proposal for a Net Zero Industry Act: [EUR-Lex - 52023PC0161 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

Activities

The projects under this priority should

- cover **at least 1 of ISCED/EQF levels 3 or 4** (upper secondary; post-secondary non tertiary);
- implement **at least 4 of the activities** mentioned below (details in call)
 - Run campaigns (VET providers with clean technology sector, and others);
 - Involve female role models in STEM fields;
 - Develop mentoring programmes by women in the sector for VET;
 - Provide specific training for career guidance officers, teachers and trainers;
 - Provide targeted career guidance, upskilling and reskilling opportunities for young girls and women;
 - Identify successful methods, good practices to attract women into relevant VET programmes.

Features of this priority

Cooperation:

- Projects should carry out above activities **in cooperation with local, regional and/or national public authorities**

Target group:

- **Young women** at time of choosing learning pathways **and/or adult women** in periods of career re-orientation should be the project main target groups.

Activities:

- Activities would aim to develop, for example, a **blueprint of inspiring practices** in the VET sector aimed at attracting girls and women to green/clean technology career pathways.

Useful links

- Communication from the Commission on [A Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age](#). COM/2023/62 final
- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology products manufacturing ecosystem ([Net Zero Industry Act](#)). COM/2023/161 final
- European Commission (2023). [Employment and social developments in Europe 2023](#). Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union.
- Cedefop (2023). [Skills in transition: the way to 2035](#). Luxembourg: Publications Office.



Thank you!