Centres of Vocational Excellence 2024

Preparing your application

The evaluation criteria

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TIPS FOR APPLICANTS
**Timetable**

- **Deadline**: 7 May 2024 (17:00 - Brussels time)
- **Information to applicants**: November 2024
- **Evaluation**: May – September 2024
- **Grant agreements signed**: February/March 2025
- **Start of project**: February/March 2025
The 2024 Call for Proposals at a glance

**Scope**: to support the gradual establishment and development of international collaborative networks of **Vocational Excellence – EQF levels**; Can be at any EQF level but must include levels 3, 4 or 5

- **Duration of projects**: 48 months
- **Total budget 2024**: EUR 56 million
- **Total budget 2021-2027**: EUR 400 million
- **Maximum grant per project**: EUR 4 million
- **Type of grants**: Lump Sum Type II (payment of fixed amounts linked to the delivery of work packages)
- **Seal of excellence** for proposals scored as high quality (≥75/100 points) but cannot be funded due to insufficient funds
Evaluation Criteria

- Eligibility criteria
- Award criteria
Eligibility Criteria (1)

- **Duration:** 4 Years
- **Where to apply:** Funding and Tenders opportunities portal
  Call ID: ERASMUS-EDU-2024-PEX-COVE
- **Deadline:** 7/05/2024 (17h Brussels time, CET)
Eligibility Criteria (2)

Who can be the applicants?

- The applicants (coordinator and partners) must be organisations (public or private) legally established in an EU Member State or a third country associated to the Programme.
- Organisations from third countries not associated to the Programme can also participate but not as coordinators.
Which types of organisation can participate?

Any public or private organisation active in VET or in the world of work can be involved as full partner, affiliated entity or associated partner.

Non-exhaustive list

- VET providers
- Companies, industry or sector representative organisations
- National/regional qualification authorities
- Research institutes
- Innovation agencies
- Regional development authorities
Eligibility Criteria (4)

Which countries can participate as full partners?

- Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey
- Third countries associated to the Programme
- Most other countries in the world (see 2024 PG)
- Third countries not associated to the Programme
- 27 EU Member States
Eligibility Criteria (5)

Which countries can participate as “associated” partners?

- Participation with no funds
- Demonstrated added value to the CoVE

Same countries as for full partners
Eligibility Criteria (6)

What should the partnership looks like?

Minimum **8 full partners** from minimum 4 EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme

*Each EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme must involve:*

- at least 1 enterprise, industry or sector representative organisation
- at least 1 VET provider at secondary and/or tertiary level

The coordinator must be from an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme

The partnership can also involve any other organisation active in VET and the world of work
Eligible Criteria (7): which activities?

**For example:**
- Labour market relevant skills
- Developing vet curricula and qualifications
- Innovative learner-centred approaches
- Professional development of teachers and trainers
- Quality assurance mechanisms
- Feedback loops and graduate tracking systems
- Guidance services...

**For example:**
- Business-education partnerships
- Research and innovation
- Vet internationalisation and mobility
- Vet attractiveness
- Skills competitions...

**Teaching and training**
(At least 4 activities)

**Cooperation and partnerships**
(At least 3 activities)

**Governance and funding**
(At least 2 activities)

For example:
- Vet governance
- Skills development and governance
- Skills ecosystems
- Sustainable financial models
- National and EU financial instruments...
Award criteria

Minimum total score: 70 points

- Relevance (max 35 points)
- Quality of project design (25 points)
- Quality of partnership (max 20 points)
- Impact (max 20 points)

More details on each criteria in Programme Guide Part B
Relevance

- Link to policy
- EU values
- Consistency
- Innovation
- Activities
- Regional dimension
- Cooperation and partnership
- European added value
- Internationalisation
- Digital skills
- Green skills
- Social dimension

The proposal promotes respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, or fights any sort of discrimination

• Activities: The activities selected from the three clusters are clearly identified, described and linked to the overall objectives of the project;
Quality of project design and implementation

25 points

- Coherence
- Activities
- Methodology
- Management
- Budget
- Work Plan
- Quality control
- Quality of mobility activities (if any)
Award criteria - Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements

- Configuration
- Upward convergence
- Geographical dimension
- Involvement of third countries not associated to the Programme
- Collaboration

20 points
Award criteria - **Impact**

- Exploitation
- Dissemination
- Impact
- Sustainability

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20 points
1. Provide a clear description of the partnership and the complementarity between organisations.
2. Describe the specific experience and competences of staff, in particular those needed for the project.
3. If you include an organisation from a third country not associated to the Programme (as a full partner), explain clearly what is the value added to the project.
4. Provide concrete evidence of innovation and the contribution to regional development.
5. If associated partners are listed, explain what is their role in the project.
6. Be **concrete** in the description of your objectives and activities. Make sure that they are closely linked.

7. Include an **independent external assessment** at mid-term and at the end.

8. Define **quality control measures** for all phases.

9. Describe **Impact** in terms of changes in knowledge, behaviour or skills, policies, with concrete indicators.

10. For **resubmitted proposals**, improve the proposal according to the comments on the assessment.
Thank you