



# Policy update on vocational education and training

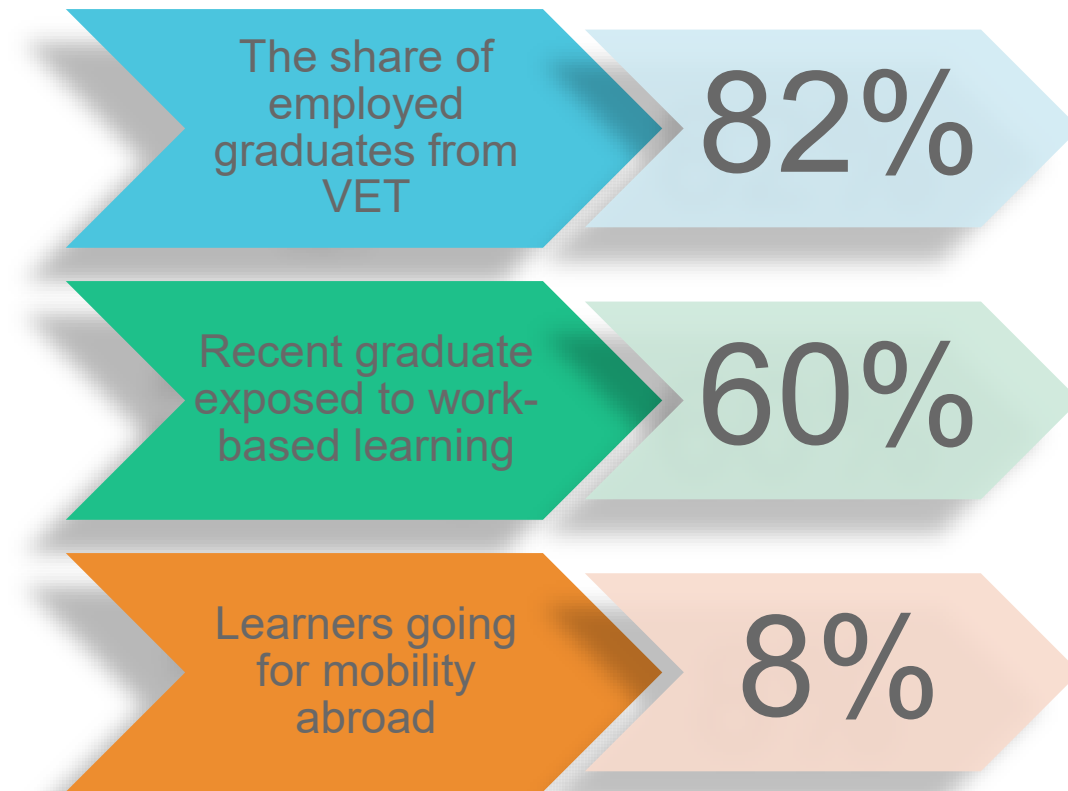
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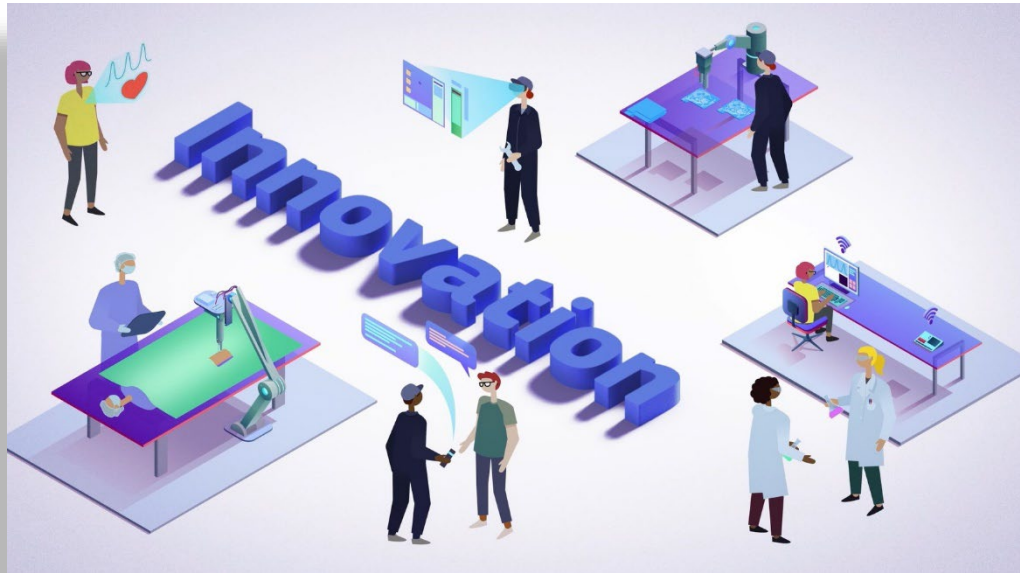
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# Council Recommendation on VET of 2020



# Excellence in Vocational Education and Training



- **innovative** VET institutions
- **rapidly adapting** to economic and social needs (example: digital and green transitions)



- **strong local partnerships**
- contributing to **innovation, regional development, and social inclusion**



# EU initiative Centres of Vocational Excellence

## Act local – think global

- international **collaborative** networks of CoVE in other countries
- **sharing** experience and know-how
- foster **mobility** of learners and staff



# Academy for Transitional Skills in the Built Environment (BuildSkills Academy)

## BUILD SKILLS ACADEMY

Partnership for Excellence - Centres of Vocational Excellence  
Projects selected for funding under the ERASMUS+ 2022 call

The **Academy for Transitional Skills in the Built Environment** aims at updating vocational skills ecosystems in the construction sector to the emerging needs in the area of green and digital skills. The project will develop a BuildEnrichedSkills methodology and a procedure to support Vocational Education and Training Centres to adapt their teaching offer more quickly to the digital and green transition. The focus lies on occupations of high demand in the construction sector. Further, the project aims at creating a certification framework for the recognition of skills and competences responding to emerging needs for twin transitions, which aims to serve as a world-class reference for improvement and certification of VET provision.

More info: [Erasmus+ fiches](#)  
and project website: [Buildskills\(nextyou.eu\)](https://Buildskills(nextyou.eu))

# The European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA)

**EAfA is a multi-stakeholder platform, launched in 2013, which aims to:**

Strengthen the quality, supply and image of apprenticeships in Europe

Promote the mobility of apprentices

**What concrete benefits does it provide for different stakeholders?**



Mutual learning and capacity building, targeted support services



Networking through online and face-to-face meetings and activities



Improved offer and delivery of quality apprenticeships

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/eafa>



2025

Vocational Education and  
Training *and the*

**Green**  
Transition

*A Compendium of  
inspiring practices*

*June 2023*

57 inspiring practices in greening VET

For example

- Neobuild (Luxembourg)
- Itinérís (Teacher mobility Belgium to Finland)
- Higher VET (Sweden; Italy)



Weblink:

<https://op.europa.eu/s/yPQ3>





**EUROPEAN  
YEAR OF  
SKILLS**

# **EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS 2023**



# Why a European Year of Skills?

The Year would promote a mindset of **reskilling and upskilling**

- > boosting **competitiveness** of companies (in particular SMEs),
- > realising the **digital and green transitions** in a socially fair, inclusive and just manner



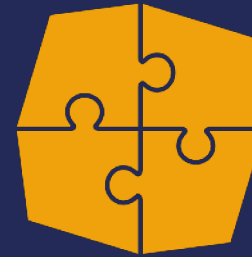
## Investment

Increased, more effective and inclusive investment



## Skills relevance

Strengthening skills relevance by close cooperation



## Matching aspirations

Matching people's aspirations and skills-set with labour market opportunities



## Attracting people

Attracting people from third countries with the skills needed by the Union



# How can you get involved?

- **Communication** is key to European Years: spread the word and share updates on social media under the hashtag **#EuropeanYearOfSkills**.
- Contact your country's **National Coordinator**.
- By **organising events** at national, regional and local levels related to skills policy.
- **By making use of EU funding opportunities, tools and networks** to support your actions and liaise with other stakeholders.



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# Thank you



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