



# THE EUROPEAN CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND SKILLS ECOSYSTEMS

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# The policy framework



## EUROPEAN SKILLS AGENDA

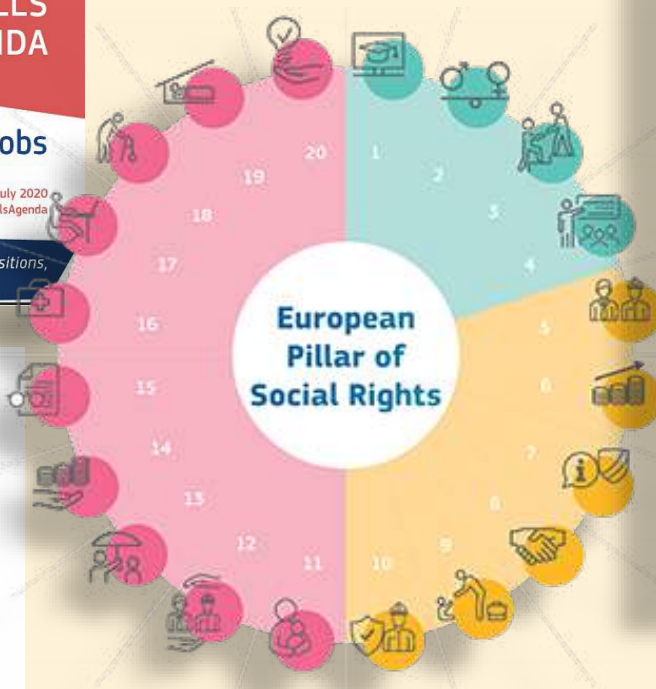
### Skills for jobs

July 2020  
#EUSkillsAgenda

*The EU needs a skills revolution to ensure people can thrive in the green and digital transitions, and to help in the recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.*



European Education Area



## Vocational education and training

Skills for today and for the future

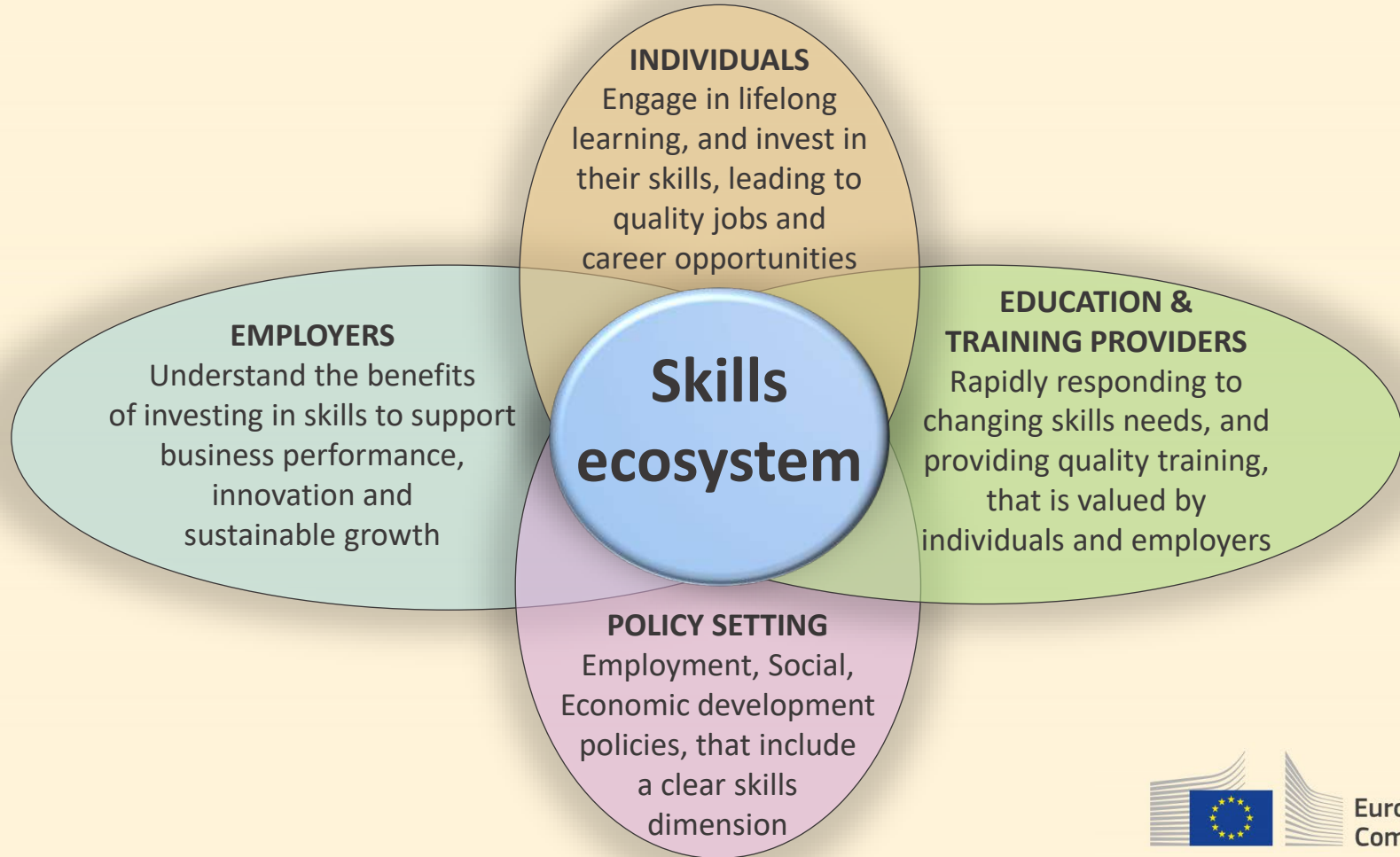
Education, training and lifelong learning

See brochure on VET:  
[Vocational education and training:  
Skills for today and for the future](#)



**Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)**

# Centres of Vocational Excellence (The CoVE concept <https://europa.eu/!cu83xr>)



# Centres of Vocational Excellence

## *The initiative in a nutshell*

### The Goal

#### VET Excellence

- Innovative and responsive VET institutions capable of **rapidly adapting skills provision** to evolving economic and social needs, including the **digital and green transitions**

### The partners

**VET institutions**, Universities of applied science, Research centres, Companies, Chambers, Professional or sector associations, Trade unions, Policy makers, Employment services, Regional development agencies, Municipalities, Qualification authorities, and others

### How to get there

#### International collaborative networks of CoVEs

- **ACT LOCAL** – Establish strong local partnerships co-creating “**skills ecosystems**” for innovation, regional development, and social inclusion
- **THINK GLOBAL** – through **international collaborative networks** of CoVE in other countries to share experience and know-how, to foster mobility of learners and staff...

### EU Support

**Erasmus+ funding 2021-2027:** €400 million for 100 CoVE networks

**Technical support:** Build evidence, Facilitate networking, Tools & Guidelines...

# Where are we now?

- 2019 and 2020:  
Pilot calls with funding of 5 + 7 projects
- Rollout in the 2021-2027 Erasmus+ Programme period:
  - 2021: 13 projects under implementation
  - 2022: 13 projects to be announced soon
  - 2023: Call for proposals for 14 projects, deadline 8 June 2023
- Target: 100 projects in the period 2021-2027



# CoVE Erasmus+ call 2021: Countries of participating organisations

**13 projects selected for funding** (84 projects submitted)  
**Grants approved €46 million** (grants requested €283 million)  
**37 countries in projects approved** (55 in project applications)  
**331 participating organisations** in projects approved

➤ Shows capacity of the initiative for the **Internationalisation of VET** attracting partners from all over the world



# More information

## Europa Website on CoVE:

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/vocational-excellence>

## The Erasmus+ programme

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en)

## Functional mailbox for all questions related to CoVE calls:

[FACEA-EPLUS-VET@ec.europa.eu](mailto:FACEA-EPLUS-VET@ec.europa.eu)

## Applying for Erasmus+ CoVE funding in the Funding & Tenders Opportunities Portal (FTOP)

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2023-pex-cove>



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## Finding partners for CoVE projects:

- **Community of Practice Centres of Vocational Excellence:**  
<https://www.copcoves.eu/>
- **European Training Foundation (ETF) Network for Excellence (ENE)**  
<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/projects-campaigns/projects/vocational-excellence>
- Contact European **Associations of VET Providers** (e.g. EVTA, EVBB, EfVET, EUproVET, EURASHE, EUCEN)  
<https://hub.vet4eu2.eu/blog/2021/04/27/vet-european-networking-enhancement/>

