



European Providers of
Vocational Education
and Training.

What is EUproVET?

EUproVET is a representational platform for European VET providers. EUproVET contributes to the European agenda by

- Providing the labour market with a skilled and high qualified labour force.
- Contributing to social inclusion, from both the social and economic perspectives.
- Contributing to lifelong learning.
- Creating smooth pathways to higher stages of education
- Cooperating with European Commission, National Governments, Social Partners and all European networks.

EUproVET offers the possibility to VET providers and (leaders of) colleges and schools for strong representation at European level, to voice their interests and to reach common European goals.

The Challenge for VET in Europe

Europe wants to become smarter, more sustainable and more inclusive. To achieve this we need flexible, high quality education and training system which respond to the needs of today and tomorrow. In Europe 2020 –strategy there is a strong emphasis on education and skills development to meet global challenges. By 2020 European VET systems should be more attractive, relevant, career-oriented, innovative, accessible and flexible than in 2010, and should contribute to excellence and equity in lifelong learning by providing:

- Attractive and inclusive VET
- High quality VET
- Easily accessible and career-oriented VET
- Flexible systems of VET, based on learning outcomes approach
- An European education and training area
- Substantially increased opportunities for transnational mobility
- Easily accessible and high-quality lifelong information, guidance and counselling services.

Bruges Communiqué - Communiqué of the European Ministers for Vocational Education and Training, the European Social Partners and the European Commission is a review on enhanced European Cooperation and the strategic approach and priorities of VET for 2011-2020.

EUpVET answers the challenges

- *by establishing a direct voice for VET providers at the EU policy level to contribute to effective and feasible policy development and policy implementation*
- *by promoting transnational cooperation between the members*
- *by promoting VET (and Adult Education) as major educational form to enhance sustained economic growth and prospects*
- *by contributing to the realization of the Copenhagen process and a comparable European educational area*
- *by stimulating and underpinning effective consultation with governments within the member states and influencing EU policies, relevant to VET (including Adult Education) and VET institutions on all levels.*

EUpVET offers members the opportunity to add a strong international dimension to their education in order to meet the demands of the labour market for international orientated entrepreneurs and employees.

Cooperation of European VET Associations

The actions of Bruges Communiqué will be supported by developing structured cooperation with VET provider associations at EU level. EUpVET, EfVET, EVTA and EVBB, the main European networks of vocational education and training have agreed to cooperate to achieve common goals set for EU 2020.

In order to support and enhance the strategic objectives and priorities these four VET associations have committed both to cooperate in implementing the Council's Conclusions and to advice and support Commission in practical and effective ways to achieve the goals.

EUpVET place emphasis on making initial VET an attractive learning option and fostering the excellence, quality and relevance of both initial and continuing VET. EUpVET focuses its actions to policy document on the role of vocational excellence for smart and sustainable growth and work on best practices and guiding principles with respect to the changing profiles of VET teachers and trainers.

Becoming a Member of EUpVET

National and regional associations representing interests and views of a relatively significant proportion of the country's vocational education and training in a national, sectoral or regional level and established in any member state or candidate member state of European Union are eligible for EUpVET membership as

- ordinary or
- associated members.

The membership fee is determined annually by the general meeting.

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