

Creation of Centers of Vocational excellence in Ukraine

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Centers of Vocational Excellence in Ukraine

- The Concept of “Modern Vocational Education” (2019)

It introduced the idea of creating modern educational spaces and upgrading infrastructure.
- The Ministry of Education and Science’s Strategic Plan until 2027

The clear goal is to establish a Center of Vocational Excellence in every region.

On September 12, 2025, the new Law of Ukraine “On Vocational Education” came into force

Article 32 of the Law:

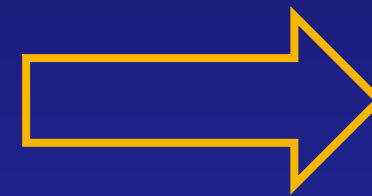
- A vocational education institution (or an association of the institutions), regardless of ownership, may acquire the status of a Center of Vocational Excellence.
- Information on the status of a Center of Vocational Excellence may be included in the institution's official name.
- Granting or revoking the status of a Center of Vocational Excellence is carried out by the central executive authority in the field of education and science.
- Regulations in the Center of Vocational Excellence, and the procedures for granting and revoking the status, shall be approved by the central executive authority in the field of education and science.
- The activity program of a Center of Vocational Excellence may be financed from the state budget during its first five years of operation.

Project

“Vocational Education and Training in the Eastern Partnership Countries”

First phase – 2022

€20 million allocated for implementation



Two institutions became participants — the Kvasyliv Vocational Lyceum (Rivne region) and Vocational School No. 41 in Tulchyn (Vinnytsia region).

Second phase – 2024

€20 million is total support exceeding



This time, the focus is on developing institutions in Lviv and Chernivtsi.

Cooperation with the European Investment Bank (EIB)

This project provides support for vocational education and training in 2022–2027.

Seven institutions across different regions are receiving resources for modernization, reconstruction, and ensuring training at a modern level.



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Project activities implemented in 2024–2025:

- 1) Technical assistance consultant commenced work;
- 2) Seven conceptual designs for future Centers of Professional Excellence were approved;
- 3) Priority Matrix approved — €58 million loan funds allocated among 7 institutions;
- 4) Project Operational Manual approved;
- 5) Project co-financing from local budgets secured for the development of project documentation for the reconstruction of educational institution dormitories;
- 6) Project Implementation Groups were established in each institution;
- 7) The EIB approved the initial procurement plan — a list of large-scale equipment (included in the Initial Procurement Plan).



Initiatives to develop Centers of Vocational Excellence in Ukraine are also supported by the Belgian development agency **Enable**

The program includes

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study visits

2

strategic sessions

3

practical courses

for managers and teachers of vocational education institutions

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Planned for 2025–2026:

- **Study visit in Lviv (Sept–Oct 2025):** for managers and local authorities to understand the concept of CoVEs and European practices.
- **Strategic session in Kyiv (Dec 2025):** to define development models and align pilot visions.
- **Visit to Turin (Feb 2025):** in cooperation with the European Training Foundation to explore modern European governance tools.
- **Practical course for teachers (Jan–Mar 2026, VIVES University of Applied Sciences, Belgium):** focused on excellence in teaching and quality.
- **Practical course for managers (Jan–Mar 2026, VIVES University):** centered on European standards in management, partnerships, and financing.



In 2025, the state allocated UAH 540 million for modernizing vocational and professional pre-higher education institutions.

This is an investment not only in equipment but also in the quality of training for future professionals. Funding was provided to 109 institutions:

1

For upgrading workshops and laboratories:

- 59 vocational education institutions;
- 30 professional pre-higher education institutions;

2

For project documentation and energy efficiency measures:

- 15 vocational education institutions;
- 2 professional pre-higher education institutions;

3

For completing the establishment of training and practice centers (initiated last year):

- 3 vocational education institutions.

Modernization

VET schools are upgrading their workshops, purchasing equipment, and carrying out renovations



Modernization



Students are
working on real-life
projects while still
studying



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