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## **Supporting vocational excellence in Danube Region**

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# ETF NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE



ETF  
Network for  
Excellence

**Supporting vocational excellence**

**> 330 members from > 50 countries worldwide**

**Peer learning**

**Partnerships**

**Policy Advice**



# ENE - UNIQUE WORLDWIDE TOOL FOR VET EXCELLENCE NETWORKING



CoVES (VET Providers) - 54 countries worldwide  
 ETF Partner Countries (19 countries)  
 EU Member States (10 countries)  
 Sub-Saharan Africa (18 countries)  
 South and South-East Asia (5 countries)  
 Switzerland and Chile

## EU MEMBER STATES

Spain (61)  
 Greece (1)  
 The Netherlands (4)  
 Finland (3)  
 Italy (8)  
 Slovenia (2)  
 Latvia (2)  
 Germany (2)  
 Sweden (1)  
 Denmark (1)

**SWITZERLAND (1)**

**CHILE (1)**

## AFRICA

Angola (2)  
 Burkina Faso (5)  
 Democratic Republic of Congo (2)  
 Guinea Bissau (4)  
 Ivory Coast (2)  
 Kenya (2),  
 Malawi (6)  
 Mozambique (2)  
 Namibia (1)

## ETF PARTNER COUNTRIES

Türkiye (58)	Albania (2)
Israel (7)	Ukraine (30)
Armenia (5)	Kosovo* (3)
Azerbaijan (9)	Egypt (4)
Morocco (7)	Palestine* (3)
Georgia (6)	Jordan (11)
Kazakhstan (5)	
Moldova (10)	
North Macedonia (6)	
Bosnia and Herzegovina (8)	
Montenegro (1)	
Tunisia (10)	
Serbia (7)	

## SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Philippines (1)
Bangladesh (1)
Malaysia (1)
Thailand (1)
Nepal (1)
Niger (1)
Senegal (5)
South Africa (1)
Uganda (3)
Zimbabwe (1)
Cameroon (2)
Liberia (1)
Nigeria (1)
Cabo Verde (1)

# VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

## Vocational Excellence

Delivers skills and training that meet labour market needs, foster innovation, and support green, digital, and inclusive transitions

## Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)

CoVEs are VET institutions or networks that:

- Connect education with industry, innovation, and research
- Foster excellence through partnerships and regional ecosystems
- Act as drivers of VET reform and smart specialisation
- Engage in international collaboration and peer learning

# ENE Sub-initiatives



ETF  
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**Greening VET - GRETA**  
**Social Inclusion**  
**Migration**

**Entrepreneurial learning**  
**Digital Teaching Methods**  
**Work Based Learning**



# JOINING ENE = Committing to EXCELLENCE

## Who can join:

- Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)
- Vocational education and training (VET) providers
- Networks, institutions, and stakeholders committed to advancing excellence in VET

## How to join:

- Express interest by contacting:  
[etf.network.for.excellence@etf.europa.eu](mailto:etf.network.for.excellence@etf.europa.eu)
- New members can also join by invitation / nomination
- Candidates are **assessed** based on engagement in innovation, partnerships, and reform-oriented practices