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## Funding Strategic Project Development in Education and Training

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## Strategic framework for cooperation in ET: EUSDR Action Plan 2020

ACTION 5: Quality and Efficiency of Education and Training Systems

ACTION 6: Relevant and High-Quality Knowledge, Skills and Competences

ACTION 7: Lifelong Learning and Learning Mobility

ACTION 8: Inclusive Education, Equity, Common Values and Sustainable Development

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## Key issues:

- ensuring quality learning outcomes for all
- fostering equal opportunities in education; reducing the number of early school leavers; addressing gender gaps
- strengthening responsiveness of E&T to economic and social needs
- strengthening vocational education and training (VET)
- increasing participation in lifelong learning (LLL)
- reinforcing basic and key competences
- fostering green and digital skills
- quality assurance and skills monitoring
- promotion of teaching at all levels
- fostering transparency of skills
- competences to promote the ownership of democratic values and sustainable development.

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## Excellence in VET for a green and fair transition in the Danube Region



- PA9 Flagship-Initiative: Danube Region Platform on Centres of Vocational Excellence since 2021
- Vocational excellence approaches feature prominently in the EU policy agenda for skills (e.g. Skills Agenda, EEA, Council Recommendation on VET, Osnabrück Declaration)
- VET excellence is a also policy priority in DRCs; EU funding plays a key role in filling gaps and supporting cooperation
- Clear added value in transnational cooperation to promote VET excellence (mutual learning, sharing good practices, peer learning, study visits; E+ projects)
- Greening of VET is policy priority; various sectors in the green economy growing in the region
- Need for new, green occupations and/or greening of existing occupations

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## Excellence in VET for a green and fair transition in the Danube Region

- SMF: an opportunity to prepare large-scale projects on establishment and development of international collaborative networks of CoVEs in the context of going green and fair.
- Main challenges/needed activities can be clustered into:
  - teaching and learning
  - cooperation and partnerships
  - governance and funding
- CoVE-projects to operate at two levels: regional/national and macro-regional/international

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