



Organised by the European Commission, European Vocational Skills Week 2022 was celebrated 16-20 May and featured the European Commission's conference 18-19 May, alongside other VET events and activities.

2022 VET EXCELLENCE AWARDS



38,751 VOTES (15,000 votes in the 2020 VET Excellence Awards)



31 December 2022. **555,835** Estimated reach of events and activities

29 countries hosted 1,000+ events and activities. Registration of events is open until

Top performing countries by number of events and activities:







*THE WEEK ONLINE



VIEWERS



REGISTRATIONS



TOP COUNTRIES FROM WHICH



SPEAKERS VET & THE GREEN TRANSITION

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AVERAGE VIEWING TIME

PEOPLE CONNECTED:

BELGIUM, GREECE, ROMANIA



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projects that contribute to a greener world. To achieve our target of a climate-neutral Europe by 2050, the time for action is now. This year you have demonstrated more than ever how innovative, accessible, and green VET can be. The VET Excellence Awards showcased the rich diversity of winners and will inspire people and companies, trainers, and students to continue striving. The 2022 European Vocational Skills Week was an

Europe needs the vision and participation of young people

I emphasise "green" because this year our focus is on VET

to build a more inclusive, digital, and green society.

opportunity to reflect on how VET can help people discover their talents and to convey the sense of urgency to ensure that today's and tomorrow's workforce needs can be met.

Nicolas Schmit European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

QUOTES FROM KEY SPEAKERS

and inclusiveness. We are

green transition.

Chiara Riondino,

focusing on boosting dual VET and

apprenticeships, but also on the

66 66 VET is a standard for excellence, We owe it to all young people to has the potential for inclusion, and take action on climate change for a is indeed a driver for substantiality

The cooperation amongst all stakeholders is important, while there is a critical need to monitor

supply and demand to allow

stakeholders to anticipate job

greener and more digital Europe.

Deputy Director-General, Funds, Fair

Transition and Analysis, at DG EMPL,

Andriana Sukova,

European Commission

needs and adapt training for that cause; we can coordinate with public providers. Paulo Azevedo, Chairman of **Sonae**

We need to upskill so that Europe

can benefit, including through

that can design practical and

public and private partnerships

effective skilling initiatives, while

progress on the targets must be

Vincenzo Renda, Senior Policy Manager for Digital Transformation at **DIGITALEUROPE**

monitored properly.

Head of Unit at DG EMPL, European Commission Almost 80% of the [Czech] population passes through [vocational education] ... From our point of view, the area of

lifelong learning needs to be

systematically supported and

developed. The system should

allow everyone to re-enter it at

to their individual needs ... [The

presidency of the Council of

any time to be educated according

the European Union] means an opportunity not only to present the priorities of our educational policy, but also to share with other European countries the experience of modernising vocational education. " Petr Gazdík, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, in charge of VET, Czech Republic, which assumed the presidency of the Council of the European Union after France in July 2022

recommendation on VET. " Joao Santos, Senior Expert for VET at DG EMPL, **European Commission** It is only through cooperation that we can possibly achieve our multiple objectives and

Two million VET learners have

supporting VET mobility since

almost doubled in the current

1964. This number will be

benefited from EU programmes

future of VET should occur without considering the aspirations, views, and concerns of our youth. We, more than ever, need their vision, engagement and participation to be the greener, more sustainable and inclusive future. "

and institutions, it connects trainers and supports sharing of best practices, and it connects policy- and decision-makers with the reality of life for adults and young people alike; [and] the voice of the young people, particularly young learners — these voices compel us forward, they encourage dynamism, reflection, and action.

Manuela Geleng,

Andrea Ricci, Ilana Cicurel, Head of the Business and Work member of the **Renew Europe Group** research group at **INAPP** and of the Committee on Culture and Education in the European Parliament

WINNERS



European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA) awards - SMEs Otto Stöckl Elektroinstallationen GmbH

COMPANIES AND LEARNERS

Director for Jobs and Skills, **DG EMPL**, European Commission

new job opportunities and creating their own businesses.

Erasmus+ is demonstrating that students with new skills are opening up

Austria **European Alliance for Apprenticeships** (EAfA) awards - Large companies ÖBB Infrastruktur AG Austria

European Alliance for Apprenticeships

Evangelos Pouftas, Kotoula Pol. Anastasia

Training at Work award Virtual Dawn Finland **VET INNOVATORS**

Innovative VET Provider award

The Entrepreneurial School - TES, JA

(EAfA) awards - Apprentices

Greece

- IVT AKMI S.A., Greece Greece **VET Researcher award** Professor Linda Clarke, University
- **Europe** award Vocational Education Competence Centre Riga State Technical School Latvia

Austria

of Westminster

United Kingdom

Italy green transition award

award

Piedmont Region **Erasmus+, Innovative curricula for the**

European Social Fund Plus (ESF/ESF+)

Training of food production operators,

EXCELLENCE IN VET

Sweden **Erasmus+, Learning opportunities** for young people coming from disadvantaged backgrounds award

Spain, with the participation of Malta, Portugal **EUROPEAN AGENCIES**

"Cyclades", The 5th Evening Vocational High School of Patras Greece **European Training Foundation (ETF)**

in School

EuroSkills – International Skills competitions winner "Fashion Technology" team, Laura Tschiltsch and Christina Strauß

Guest of Honour at the VET Excellence Awards 2022



Project: GRETA

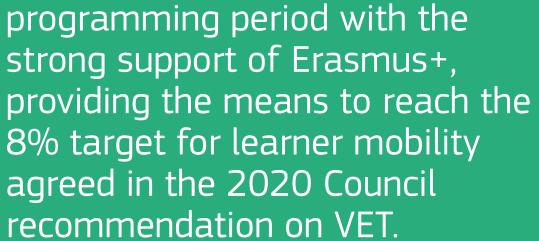
Special Mention for Ukraine

In addition to the prizes in the different categories, a special mention went to Ukrainian partners who, along with the European Training Foundation, have been reforming their education and training systems, focusing on qualifications, the future of skills in key economic sectors, and governance arrangements to modernise the system and to bring it closer to the system in the EU.

The campaign and associated events continue until the end of December 2022.

*Data is drawn from the European Vocational Skills Week – held 16-20 May 2022.





commitments of the European Green Deal, the European Pillar of Social Rights, the Porto Social Summit and so on. This edition of the European Vocational Skills Week

coincides with the European Year

that no reflection about VET or the

of Youth. It is another reminder

Dragos Pîslaru, Chair of the Employment Committee of the **European Parliament** I am enthusiastic and motivated, indeed, by the inspiring lessons and experiences that I have heard during these two days. Each panel touched on very broad topics, but I saw many common threads and I will focus on three of them: the relevance of VET – vocational education and training has the potential to be always relevant and respond to the needs of our fast-changing labour markets and to support employability and lifelong learning; the power of cooperation – cooperation connects workers and learners with upskilling and reskilling opportunities, it connects the labour market with the VET providers

Being ambitious for the youth

means being ambitious for us.

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