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EUROPEAN VOCATIONAL SKILLS WEEK



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What is Vocational Education and Training (VET)?

Work-based learning, traineeships, apprenticeships, tailored courses and on-the-job training aim to unlock everyone's potential by combining theory and practice. **VET is increasingly attractive** to both employers and employees. It is available in every field, from science and engineering to healthcare and finance, in both private and public sectors.

Every year over 100 million Europeans benefit from **vocational education and training (VET)**. As a result, thanks to well-trained staff with up-to-date technical skills, companies and organisations are becoming stronger and more competitive. This also helps to contribute to smart and sustainable growth and to build a stronger society.

What is the European Vocational Skills Week?

Are you...

- a young or adult learner?
- a teacher, trainer, counsellor or researcher?
- an educational training provider?
- a business, chamber, trade union or employer organisation?
- in charge of a VET programme, policy network or VET-related initiative?

...then the European Vocational Skills Week is for you!

The European Vocational Skills Week is a European Commission initiative aimed at making VET more attractive. It includes events and activities in participating countries all over Europe, locally, regionally and nationally. Stakeholders taking part in the Week have the chance to share examples of excellence in VET.

Following the success of the previous two years, the third **European Vocational Skills Week** will run from **5-9 November 2018**. Key events and activities will take place in **Vienna** this year, organised in close cooperation with the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU. A variety of national opening events will also be held in other EU Member States, along with hundreds of VET-related events and activities at local and regional level.

What's in it for you?

Learners

Whatever your learning background, **VET can provide a quicker route to employment** by helping you to develop the skills, achieve the qualifications and gain the experience you need to succeed. Apprenticeships and **work-based learning** ease the transition between education and the workplace, and VET can also make it easier for you to work in other sectors or countries. Also, **experienced employees may take vocational courses to stay up-to-date** with new developments, to adapt their job skills or to re-skill for a new profession.

The European Vocational Skills Week gives you the chance to find out more about the opportunities on offer and discover your talent! Join an event or activity associated with the Week and broaden your horizons. Share your VET stories through the European Vocational Skills Week website and inspire others. Check out the videos, the work of the Ambassadors, the awards, and learn more about VET, the Week and what it could mean for you. Discover European Vocational Skills Week and your talent today!

Organisations

The European Vocational Skills Week is a unique opportunity for your organisation to engage with society at large, helping to raise the profile of VET in your community and across Europe. It's a chance for you to come together with key stakeholders in a combined effort that capitalises on your individual successes.

We're looking for your organisation to organise events and activities at European, national, regional or local levels between 1 September and 31 December 2018, in order to promote VET to as wide an audience as possible. **Popular ideas from previous years include open days, thematic conferences or campaigns on initial and continuing vocational training** Register that event or activity through the European Vocational Skills Week website and you will gain access to the unique **'European Vocational Skills Week — Discover your Talent!'** visual identity and slogan, enhance your visibility and gain more exposure.

You can find information about how to get involved and how to register an event of your own on our webpage: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/VocationalSkillsWeek>.

How can you get involved?

- Join an event or activity associated with the Week;
- Organise an event or activity associated with the Week;
- Promote VET and the Week on social media;
- Sign up for the newsletter through the website: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/VocationalSkillsWeek>.

What about the Week in Vienna?

The overarching theme of the events and activities organised in Vienna is VET and its role in the future of work for jobs and skills. Sub-themes include digitalisation, 21st century skills, the validation of non-formal and informal learning, and the internationalisation of VET.

The Week in Vienna features a multi-stakeholder VET conference, a celebration for the 5th anniversary of the European Alliance for Apprenticeships, a European Commission-OECD forum, the 2018 Awards nominees celebration, and a colourful closing event. A variety of national opening events will also be held in Member States.

The European Commission looks forward to seeing you become a part of our **third European Vocational Skills Week, 5-9 November 2018!**

Find out more

Web: <http://ec.europa.eu/vocational-skills-week>

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Twitter: #EUVocationalSkills and #DiscoverYourTalent

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