



European Training Foundation

# EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION

The ETF: the EU agency supporting countries to develop through learning



The ETF is an agency of the European Union, helping EU neighbouring countries to reform their own education and training systems, in line with the EU's external relations policies.



# MORE ABOUT US

Established  
**1990 Council**  
reg. 1360

Operational from  
**1994**

Based in  
**Turin, Italy**

Financed by  
**European Union**

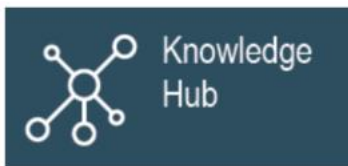
Staff  
**120+**

Budget  
**€20.m+ 2022**

Partner countries  
**29**



# ETF CORE SERVICES



- Thematic networks
- Multi-country analysis
- Co-created models, methodological tools and guides for skills identification and development
- Thematic studies and analyses
- Innovative practices and approaches on education and training in a lifelong learning perspective



- Intelligence management systems
- Datasets and statistical publications
- HCD country and regional assessments
- Country intelligence (snapshots, fiches, progress reports)
- Thematic intelligence (inventories, fiches)



- Tailored policy advice and guidance for EU and other interventions and programmes
- Content monitoring of EU programmes implementation (bilateral and regional)
- Tailored policy advice and guidance for country reform processes

# OUR COLLABORATORS



EU Institutions

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EU Member States



EU Delegations

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Ministries of Education,  
Labour and Foreign Affairs

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Business organisations

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Education and  
training providers

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Regional organisations



International organisations  
(e.g. OECD, UN)

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International  
Development Banks

# ETF's work on Migration

- Support skills development to uphold migrants' socioeconomic rights and using their talents in the best way possible
- Customized policy advice to concerned governments on migrants' employability related topics and needed mechanisms to upgrade their technical aptitudes
- As part of its response to the Ukraine crisis, the ETF is working to improve the recognition of the qualifications of migrants, especially in response to the large number of refugees entering the European Union as a result of the war in Ukraine.

# Information for people fleeing Ukraine



In the current emergency, Ukrainians have the right to live in the EU and to access essential services such as housing and medical care. Ukrainians also have the right to continue and access education and training, and to look for work. To support such access, Ukrainians need to have their skills, qualifications and study periods completed in Ukraine recognised, while organisations and companies in the EU need to understand Ukraine's education and training system and qualifications. This page provides key information about Ukraine's education system, guidance in understanding and recognising all types of Ukrainian qualifications, recognising study periods, and guiding Ukrainians to education, learning and employment opportunities. This information is available in English and **Ukrainian**.

## Information for people fleeing Ukraine

Here you can find information on how you can continue or access education and training, on having your qualifications understood and recognised for work or study purposes, and on pursuing employment opportunities.

### For any enquiries

please write to us **here**. ✉

### General

If you are seeking more general information about rights and support, please go to: **[Information for people fleeing the war in Ukraine | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)**

# Information for people fleeing Ukraine

## Get recognition of your qualifications and skills in the EU

Do I need to have my qualifications recognised?



If you have lost your certificates, diplomas etc.



Compare your qualifications



Recognition of your higher education diploma



Professional recognition – looking for work



Regulated professions



Non-regulated professions



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## Continuing and accessing education and training in the EU Member States

General education: pre-primary, primary and secondary



Higher education



Vocational education and training



Upskilling and reskilling opportunities

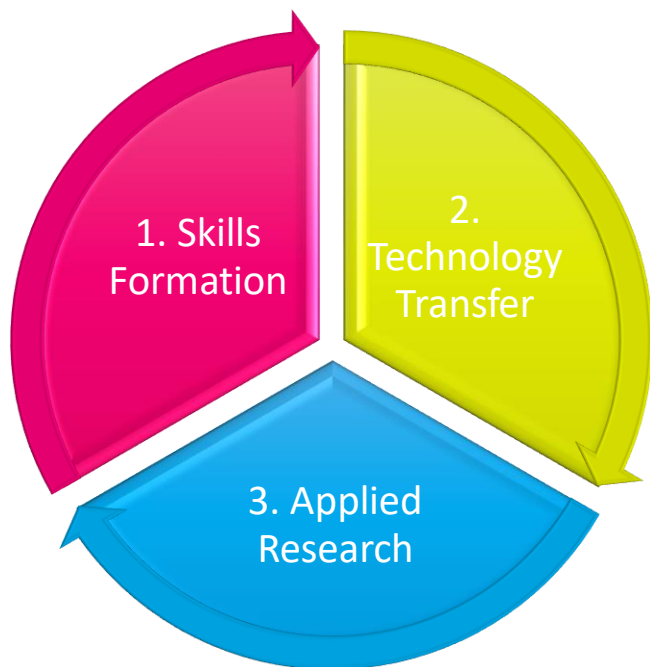


Language training





# Redefining the role of VET in systems of innovation



- Recent studies and global experiences highlight the importance of VET in systems of innovation:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> role: Imparting skills for innovation
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> role: Transferring technology in the ecosystem
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> role: Developing knowledge and solutions through applied research

## Interview with experts

"VET institutions need to stay in tune with rapid technological change and all the big transitions currently underway. And the best way of doing that is via Applied Research."

"Companies – and especially SMEs – will understand that VETs can contribute to their own innovation process. That generates significant added value, and transforms the image of VETs for companies, students, parents, and society as a whole."

<https://openspace.etf.europa.eu/blog-posts/applied-research-key-contribution-smart-specialisation>

# Seizing the benefits of Technology Transfer and Applied Research in Vocational Education



- Advance collaboration across science and training



- Enhance innovation and research capacity



- Generate social and business innovation with a focus on the needs of SMEs



- Improve social and economic status of VET schools



- Diversify funding sources for research and training



- Incorporate new technologies in teaching and learning activities

# ETF's support on Technology Transfer and Applied Research in Vocational Education

- Main objective → Support collaborative partnerships to enable technology transfer and applied research between education and training providers, innovation actors, and SMEs or their representatives
- How?
  - Identifying technology transfer needs and research capacity gaps presented by the SMEs in the Agri-food domain in the Western Balkans.
  - Identifying the expertise and research capacity of VET systems in the Agri-food domain in the Western Balkans.
  - Prepare VET centres and schools to participate in the Horizon Europe and new funding instruments from the Interregional Innovation Investments.
  - Providing opportunities for capacity building in partnership with European VET centres leading technology transfer and applied research



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