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International collaboration in higher VET

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Event Summary

The higher or continuing VET sector in Europe is often mentioned when we discuss how to adapt the education and training offer to mend the skills gap created by the green transition or by demographic changes in society. By its flexible nature, these schools are close to the employers, and cater both to new students as well as to people who work, and who seek reskilling and upskilling opportunities. However, we do know that higher VET in Europe is a very heterogenous sector, and that it can be difficult to carry out joint projects and mobilities across national borders. In Erasmus+, they struggle in many countries to find their place within the larger categories of vocational education and higher education, as they may find themselves in between these two levels.

We would like to address these questions in our upcoming public event on 27 May 2024: What is the higher VET sector, what are the differences and similarities between different national systems? What are the main barriers for international cooperation and in particular in the current Erasmus+ programme, and what can be done to mediate these? What are the possibilities?

Event Agenda – 27 May 2024

Public event on higher vocational education and training

 Norway House, Rue Archimède 17, 1000 Brussels

14:00 – 14:30	Registration with welcome coffee and snacks
14:30 – 14:45	<u>Welcome and introduction</u> Amanda Crameri , Head of Division, Movetia Else Kathrine Nesmoen , Head of Department, HK-dir
14:45 – 15:15	<u>Input 1</u> : The landscape of higher vocational and professional tertiary education in Europe Marieke Vandeweyer , Team Leader, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD
15:15 – 15:45	<u>Input 2</u> : The power of European collaboration in VET and public-private partnerships Boudewijn Grievink , Program manager internationalisation, Katapult Network, Netherlands
15:45 – 16:15	<u>Discussion</u> with Boudewijn Grievink and Marieke Vandeweyer
16:15 – 16:30	Break
16:30 – 17:15	<u>Panel discussion</u> : International cooperation in higher VET - Good practices, experiences and future potential from HVET schools - Julia Singewald , EHL Education Group, Switzerland - Eirik Hågensen , Fagskolen Viken, Norway - Henrik S. Pahus , Business Academy Dania, Denmark - Iñigo Araiztegui , Tknika, Basque Country - Stefan Nowatschin , Deputy Federal Chair BvLB, CESI Spokesperson for VET, Berufsschule Landkreis Uelzen, Germany
17:15 – 18:00	<u>Input 3</u> : The place for Higher VET in Erasmus+ Jan Varchola , Team Leader, DG EMPL, European Commission Vito Borelli , Team Leader, DG EAC, European Commission
18:00 – 19:00	Reception