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Joint Qualifications in Vocational Education and Training
Call for proposals EACEA 27/2017
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Introduction
Aim of the webinar

Call For Proposals

- Provide potential applicants with information about the Call and the application process
- Provide an opportunity to ask questions about the Call and the application process
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Joint Qualifications in VET

The policy context
Employment and social policy as a productive factor

Economic development

Social progress

European social market economy
### Quality & relevance of skills

1. Upskilling Pathways
2. Key Competences Framework
3. VET as a first choice
4. Digital Skills and Jobs coalition

### Visibility and comparability

5. Revision of EQF
6. Skills profile tool for 3rd country nationals

### Skills intelligence

7. Revision of EUROPASS
8. Analysis of brain drain
9. Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills
10. Initiative on graduate tracking
Skills Agenda – VET as a first choice

- European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships
- European Alliance for Apprenticeships
- 2nd European Vocational Skills Week
- ErasmusPRO
Erasmus+ Programme
2014-2020
Key Activity 3 – Support for Policy Reform

Calls for proposals

- 2014: National Authorities for Apprenticeships - 2,3 Mio € - 10 projects
- 2016: Support for SMEs engaging in apprenticeships – 8,3 Mio € - 16 projects
- 2017: VET-Business Partnerships on Work-based learning (WBL) and Apprenticeships – 4,4 Mio € - 14 projects
- 2018: Joint qualifications on VET, including at higher level, with a strong WBL and mobility component (€ 6 Mio €)

Other funding resources:
ESF, YEL, EaSI, EURES, Your First Eures Job, EIB, European Regional Funds
General objectives

- Increase the employability of young people and contribute to the development of a highly skilled, qualified and mobile workforce

- Support joint developments in VET in Europe and strengthen overall its quality, relevance and attractiveness
Specific objectives

- Support the preparation or setting up of joint VET qualifications including at higher level or the improvement of such existing qualifications in two or more Member States
- Ensure strong work-based learning and mobility components, address learning outcomes, quality assurance and proper recognition while making use of relevant European tools and instruments
- Against the background of high youth unemployment, skills mismatch and shortages as well as the need for higher level skills at sectoral level, joint VET qualifications have the potential to address these challenges and ensure that VET response better to labour market needs
Joint qualification?

It should be composed of clearly identified units:

- Defined through a detailed qualification profile, that is a comprehensive outline of the expected learning outcomes
- Complemented by the design of a joint curriculum, with a strong work-based learning component, and supporting cross-border, transnational and interregional learner mobility
- Complemented by assessment standards
Activities

Beneficiaries should undertake the two main following activities:

1. Design or improve a joint qualification in VET, aimed at responding to concrete skill needs in the countries involved (at least 2), with a view to its recognition as qualification in each of these countries.

2. Set up new sustainable cooperation structures to ensure transparency, comparability, appropriate quality assurance systems and mutual recognition of qualifications.
Expected results and impact

Concrete results must be achieved within the project's duration:

- **Design or improve a joint qualification in VET**
  - Deliver tangible and sustainable outcomes in establishing a joint VET qualification including better transparency, comparability and recognition of those qualifications
  - Provide evidence on how specific skills' needs will be matched with labour market needs in the countries/regions participating in the partnership

- **Set up new sustainable cooperation structures**
  - Show concrete efforts to increase employability of VET learners through enhanced work-based learning and inbuilt mobility opportunities
  - Implement long term synergies to ultimately improve VET attractiveness

*Evidence must be demonstrated that the project deliverables will be pursued after EU funding has ended*
How to prepare and submit an application
Outline

- Timetable
- Budget
- Admissibility requirements
- Eligibility criteria
- Exclusion criteria
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Budget

Budget available: 6 Mio €
Max. EU co-financing: 80 %
EU Grant per project: 200 000 € -> 500 000 €
Admissibility requirements

Applications must:

- Be submitted online by 31/01/2018 (12:00 noon CET) using the official application form (eForm)
- Be drafted in any of the EU official languages
- The detailed description of the project, the declaration of honour and the balanced estimated budget must be annexed to the application
Eligibility criteria

Eligible partnerships

The partnership must be composed of partners from at least 2 Erasmus+ Programme Countries (at least one must be a Member State of the European Union):

- The 28 Member States of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom (Applicants from UK, please see specific provisions in the Call)

- The non EU Programme countries: former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey
Eligibility criteria

Eligible partnerships

The partnership shall comprise at least 3 partners, including the 2 following organisations:

- A VET provider (at upper secondary, post-secondary non-tertiary or tertiary level)
- An enterprise (public or private) or a chamber of industry, trade and crafts or a sectoral/professional organisation

One of the partners will be the coordinating organisation, applying for a grant on behalf of the consortium of partner organisations
Other eligible applicants (legal entities)

- Relevant qualification authorities or equivalent (at national, regional, or sectoral level)
- Public local, regional or national authorities
- Social partners (employers' and workers' organisations)
- Research institutes
- European umbrella organisations
- Sector skills councils, or equivalent
- Public employment services
- Youth organisations
- Parents associations
- Other relevant bodies
Eligibility criteria

Eligible activities

- Mandatory activities:
  - Design or improvement of a joint qualification in VET
  - Setting up of new sustainable cooperation structures
- Activities must start between 1/09/2018 and 1/11/2018
- The duration of the projects is 24 months

Only applications that fulfil the eligibility criteria will be considered for a grant
Exclusion criteria

- Applicants must sign a declaration on their honour certifying that they are not in a situation of exclusion.
- If applicable, the relevant documentary evidence illustrating any remedial measures taken should be provided in annex to this declaration.
Selection criteria

- **Financial capacity**
  - ✔ Declaration of honour
  - ✔ Financial statements of the last 2 years for which the accounts have been closed (Contracting phase)
  - ✔ Financial capacity form (Contracting phase)

- **Operational capacity**
  - ✔ Declaration of honour
  - ✔ Description of the profile of the people primarily responsible for managing and implementing the action *(Detailed description of the project)*
  - ✔ List of previous or on-going projects and activities connected to the objectives of the Call *(Detailed description of the project)*
Award criteria

1. Relevance of the project (30 points, minimum threshold 16 points)
2. Quality of the project design and implementation (25 points, minimum threshold 13 points)
3. Quality of the project consortium and cooperation arrangements (25 points, minimum threshold 13 points)
4. Impact and dissemination (20 points, minimum threshold 11 points)

To be considered for funding, applications must score at least 60 points, also taking into account the necessary minimum threshold for each of the 4 award criteria
How to submit an application?

Register in the Participants' portal and get a PIC number

Complete and submit your eForm

To be attached to the eForm:

- Detailed description of the project
- Declaration of honour
- Estimated budget of the action
Detailed description of the action

- Rationale: *why* is the project needed?
- **How** does it meet the objectives of the Call?
- Who are the **target groups** and how will they be involved / informed?
- What **impact** is expected?
- **Partnership composition** and roles
- Methodological approach
- **Dissemination** and **exploitation of results**
- Activities and deliverables
Questions and answers
Further information?

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EACEA Web page of the Call
Thank you for your attention!