



Workshop

BUILDING EUROPE'S FUTURE: THE STRATEGIC POWER OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

27 January 2026

09:30 - 17:00

EVBB VET HOUSE and ONLINE

Bd Charlemagne 28, 1000 Brussels



Europe is entering a period of rapid shifts shaped by digital technologies, climate pressures, demographic change, and rising geopolitical uncertainties. These developments highlight the central importance of **strong, modern VET systems** that can supply the **technical, operational, and human-centred skills needed across sectors**.

Labour shortages remain persistent in construction, energy, industry, care, and other technical fields. At the same time, the demand for adaptive learning pathways, flexible qualifications, and skilled professionals is growing. VET is increasingly recognised as essential to Europe's capacity to build, maintain, and upgrade its housing, energy, transport, industrial and public-interest systems.

DG EMPL is currently preparing a **new European VET Strategy**, expected to be published before the summer. As part of this process, **VET4EU2 has been asked to provide practical examples from the field**, highlighting real needs, successful approaches, and areas where further support would make a difference.

This workshop, organised by the VET4EU2 group, will bring together partners to refine the thematic priorities, enhance coherence across work strands, and jointly shape a structured approach to the next phase of collaboration.

AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome Coffee
09:30 - 10:00	Introduction and Workshop Objectives
10:00 - 11:15	Cluster 1: Learners, Inclusion & Lifelong Pathways
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:45	Cluster 2: Quality, Innovation & Skills Relevance
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch Break
13:45 – 15:00	Cluster 3: Governance, Partnerships & Global Positioning
15:00 – 15:15	Break
15:15 – 16:15	Outputs Synthesis
16:15 – 16:30	Conclusions & Next Steps