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# Entrepreneurial centres of vocational excellence – creating value for businesses and communities: Let's excel together!

**Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)** are vocational institutions recognised for excellence in identifying and imparting relevant, high-quality, specialised technical skills. They are innovation hubs with strong ties to industry and business. They strive to provide exemplary initial training for young people and continuing education for adults,

guiding them as they upskill and reskill through flexible, timely training programmes designed to meet the skills companies need.

Created in December 2020, the **ETF Network for Excellence (ENE)** is a platform designed to encourage knowledge sharing, namely the continuous exchange of best practices among new and existing CoVEs at local, national, and international levels. ENE builds bridges and partnerships with other CoVEs within the EU and beyond and covers eight priority areas.

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**CoVEs**

- 9 EU countries
- 16 ETF partner countries
- 14 African countries

## ENTREPRENEURIAL COVES: CONTEXT

**Entrepreneurship** is one of the 8 key competences for lifelong learning recognised by the European union; it leads to personal fulfilment, employability, a healthy and sustainable lifestyle, and social inclusion. More specifically, "entrepreneurship is when you act upon opportunities and ideas and transform them into value for others. The value that is created can be financial, cultural, or social." [EntreComp](#) for entrepreneurship education provides educators and trainers with practical guidance for teaching and learning entrepreneurship as a key competence along a progressive learning pathway.

Through the ENE Entrepreneurial CoVEs' initiative, the ETF aims to integrate the European Commission's vision for entrepreneurship by promoting it at training centre level. To achieve this goal, an interdisciplinary partnership has been created. The Partnership works around four dimensions: Teaching and learning processes, Organisational practices, products and services and Eco-system – as per diagram in the next page.

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## ENE priority areas

- Work-based learning (WBL)
- Entrepreneurial Centres of Vocational excellence
- Pedagogy and professional development
- Smart specialisation
- Industry 4.0 and digitalisation
- Autonomy and public-private partnerships
- Going green
- Social inclusion and equity



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## PARTICIPATING CoVEs AND COUNTRIES

Support to conceptual development and project management is provided by the contractor, [CARDET](#).

Please note that Tunisia has been at the forefront of integrated approaches to entrepreneurial education thanks to a seven-year [partnership](#) between the Ministry of Vocational Training and Employment (MFPE) and the ETF.

Other CoVEs will also join as the project evolves and grows.

## OBJECTIVE AND OUTCOMES

The main objective of the ENE Entrepreneurial CoVEs initiative is to learn, share, grow and network. Through peer learning and coaching CoVEs will work on:

- development of new curricula and training products
- design and implement entrepreneurial strategies
- cooperation with multiple partners within their ecosystems
- international networking.

## WHAT'S IN THIS PARTNERSHIP FOR PARTICIPATING CoVEs AND COUNTRIES?

Members of the ENE Entrepreneurial CoVEs initiative will benefit from:

- opportunities to participate in peer-learning and exchanges with other CoVEs,
- improve their performance and become more entrepreneurial in the design and implementation of their activities,

## Entrepreneurial CoVE Conceptual Framework

### ORGANIZATIONAL PRACTICES

Strategy, operational structure, financing, human resource management, internal communication monitoring, QA, etc.

### TEACHING & LEARNING PROCESSES

Pedagogical approaches, learner engagement, teaching and learning processes, curricula, and assessment.

### ECOSYSTEM

Engage with key stakeholders, enterprises, and partners, build networks, engage in advocacy activities and develop internationalisation strategies.

### PRODUCTS & SERVICES

Design and delivery of offerings to external actors such as enterprises, governments, organisations (e.g. research and consultancy services, training, etc).

- access to a wide and diverse network of CoVEs as well as stakeholders in the public and private sectors in ETF Partner Countries and EU Member States, and
- high visibility in ETF online platforms and international networks working on Entrepreneurship as a key competence.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

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