# Join the first Winter Camp on Vocational Excellence!

We are happy to present the first Winter Camp on Vocational Excellence: ***"…and this is how VET saved the (human) world – Learners' Journey in a CoVE"***. The Camp will take place from **10 to 13 February 2025** in Nova Gorica, Slovenia.

The Camp is organised as part of the EU funded project Internationalising Vocational Excellence implemented by the European Training Foundation (ETF). Talentjourney, GreenoVET and PoVE Water, three experienced Centres of Vocational Excellence, will take care of the content and share their experiences, tools and other tips during the camp. The Camp is organised in close cooperation with EfVET, EVBB and EVTA.

The focus of the Camp will be on enhancing learning experiences by using innovative teaching and learning methods, building effective partnerships and establishing robust governance and funding mechanisms (see the annexe for a preliminary outline of the camp).

## What will you get out of this journey?

By the end of the camp, you will have gained valuable knowledge and skills that will enable you to

- **Create impactful learning experiences:** Learn to actively solve regional challenges and design teaching practices that engage young minds. Promote deep, meaningful learning in inclusive, adaptable environments that meet diverse student needs.
- **Build powerful partnerships:** Learn to identify and sustain strategic collaborations that enhance learners' ability to solve regional challenges. Use these partnerships to design engaging teaching practices and promote meaningful learning in inclusive, adaptable environments that meet diverse student needs.
- **Drive sustainable change through governance and funding:** apply effective governance and funding structure to support impactful learning and strong partnerships. Ensure sustainable growth in vocational education by aligning resources with practices to support students' needs and interests, motivate them to engage, and to address regional challenges, as well as create inclusive learning environments.

## Who can join the Camp?

The camp is designed to bring together Centres of Vocational Excellence with different levels of experience in vocational excellence. To ensure that participants get the most out of the camp, each participant must be fluent in English and represent a centre that meets the following requirements:

- **Passion and commitment to vocational excellence:** the centre should demonstrate a deep passion for VET, with a strong commitment to driving continuous improvement and innovation.
- **Learner-centred focus:** the centre should prioritise the learner journey, ensuring that their offerings are tailored to individual needs and designed to support both personal and professional growth.
- **Forward-looking and adaptive:** the Centre should be proactive in anticipating and addressing the major changes and challenges of today and tomorrow. This includes preparing

learners to navigate and thrive in a rapidly changing world by equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to meet the challenges of an unpredictable future.

- Committed to implement ISATCOVE before the start of the Camp

## What are the costs?

The costs of accommodation and travel to the Camp will be covered. What we ask from you is to invest your time. Not only your time during the Camp, but also before and after the Camp. We will ask all centres participating in the Camp to implement a light version of ISATCOVE by mid of January 2025. During the Camp we will support you in formulating a Development Plan and after the Camp we will ask you for your feedback and to report on what steps you have taken in regard to the Development Plan. Centres will receive coaching during the implementation of ISATCOVE. Two webinars will be part of the coaching, each webinar takes around 1,5 hours. The first one will take place by the end of October 2024 the other one will be planned in consultation with the participants.

## What is ISATCOVE?

ISATCOVE is a tool crafted within the European Union to boost the standards of vocational education and allows institutions to evaluate themselves around three dimensions of vocational excellence:

- Teaching and Learning
- Partnership and Coordination
- Governance and Funding

Each dimension is divided into criteria, reflecting the 20 activities required by the Commission for Erasmus+ applications, and indicators. For the Winter Camp we will select a limited number of criteria and indicators related to the content of the Camp. For centres interested in implementing a comprehensive self-assessment IntVE will offer additional coaching. Centres completing a self-assessment using ISATCOVE have also the opportunity to receive the "Committed to excellence" certificate and badge. For more information you can also watch this information video on ISATCOVE.

## How can I apply?

The registration will open on Monday 23 September at 12.00 PM CEST TIME. To apply you will find a link to a registration form on this page: openspace.etf.europa.eu-winter-camp

Or use the QR code below:

In the application form, you will be asked to answer several questions related to the minimum requirements for the Camp.

## How will participants be selected?

We will use a first come first served approach. There are 25 places available. This means that we will select the first 25 participants that meet the minimum requirements taking the following points into consideration:

- Level of experience
- Geographical distribution

Given the limited places, we can only have one participant per organisation. In case of international CoVEs up to two participants representing different partner organisations can take part in the Camp.

The application forms will be assessed by the ETF in collaboration with the hosting CoVEs and a representative of the VET provider associations.