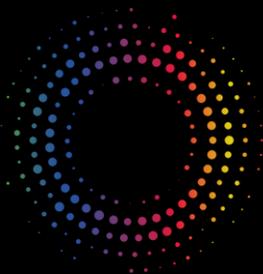


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**GREENING
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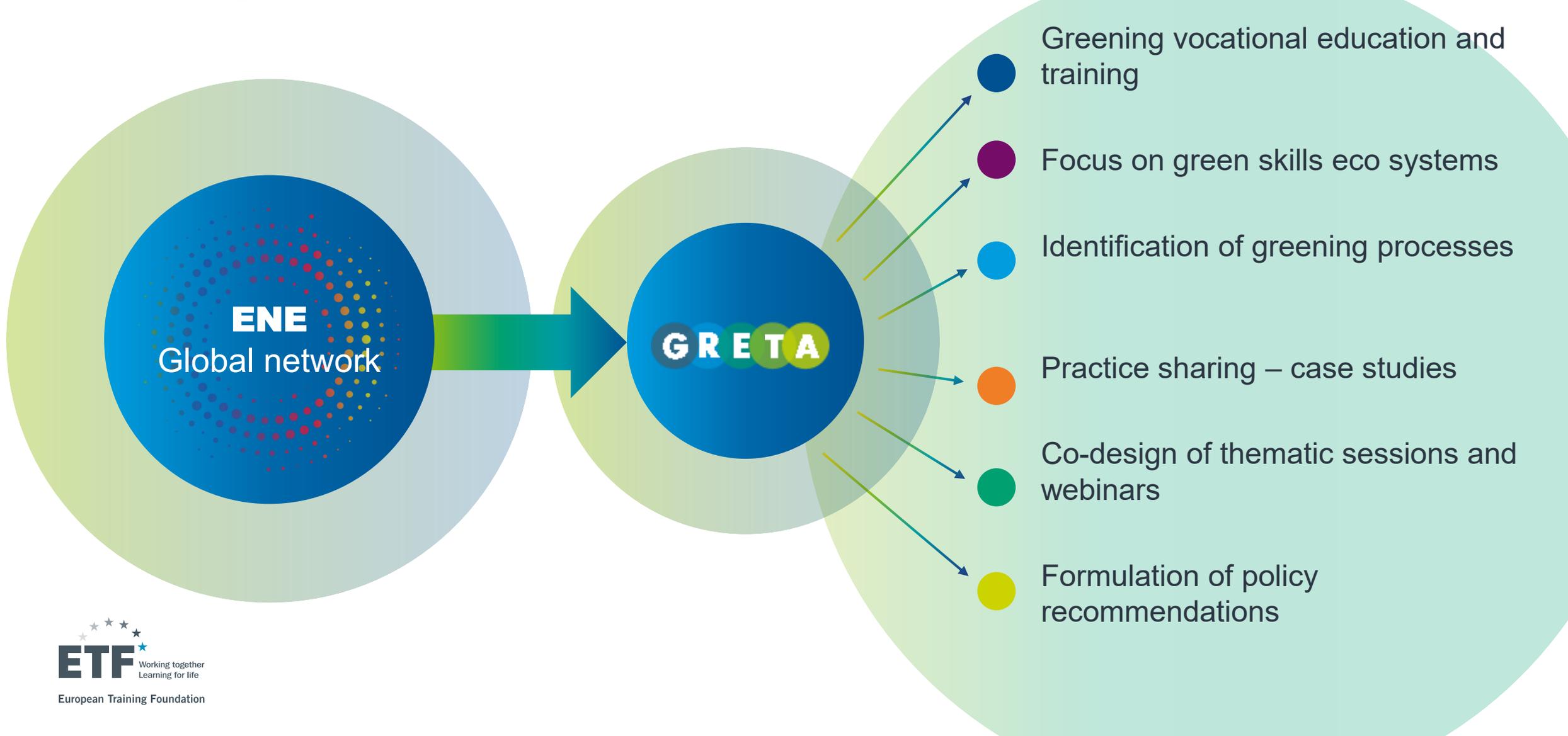
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Greening Responses to Excellence through Thematic Actions



The European Green Deal

#EUGreenDeal

- Climate neutrality by **2050**
- **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 55% by 2030**
(compared to 1990 levels)
- **New mid-term target: Reduce emissions by 66–72.5% by 2035**
- **New 2040 target: Reduce emissions by 90% by 2040**



THE GREEN AND DIGITAL TRANSITIONS



Green transition

Digital transition

Skills change

CoVEs in the green transition



Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)

- **High-performing** VET institutions driving green skills
- **Specialised** in sustainable sectors: renewable energy, eco-tourism, circular agriculture
- Engage in **local networks** of VET providers, companies, municipalities, innovation actors
- Ensure coordinated, continuous, **inclusive skills development**
- Translate **local – regional – global green policies** into practical skills and innovation

GRETA'S JOINT EXCEL'ING process



Green Pitching

- Forming **GRETA core group**
- Kick off meeting

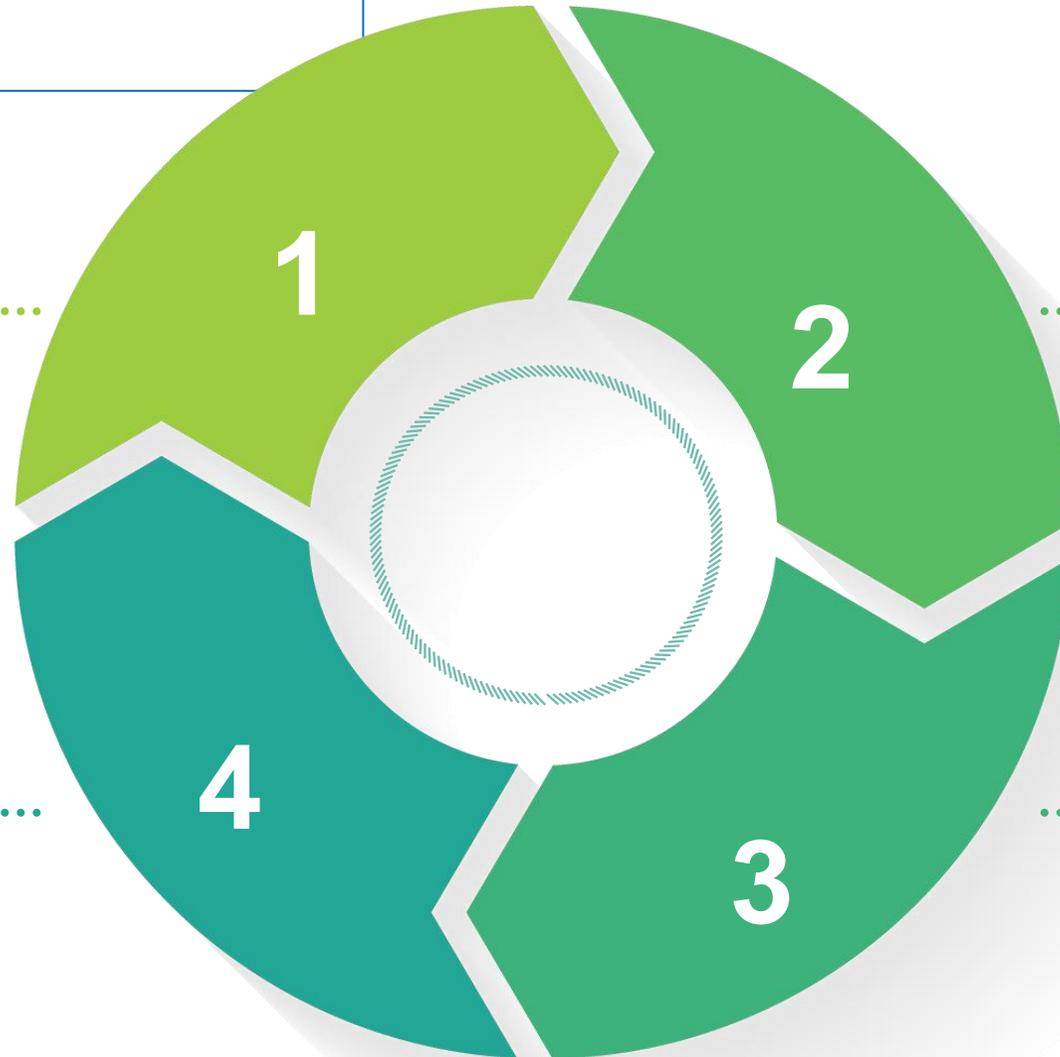
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Thematic Action learning

- Thematic learning sessions
- Open to all ENE members+

Q3 2022 – present



Peer learning visits

- Peer visits
- Drafting peer learning reports

Q1 2022

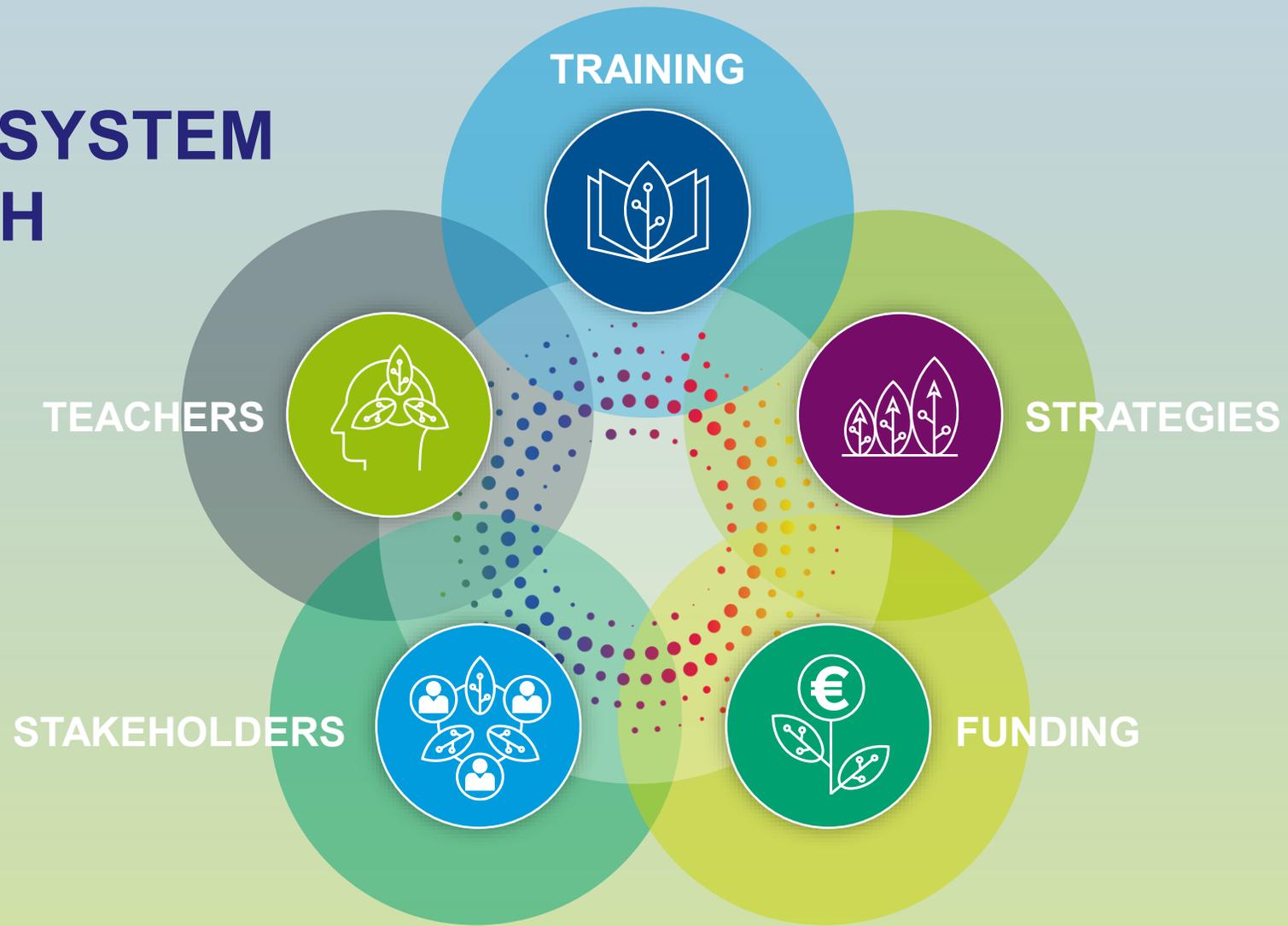


Action planning

- Institutional Action Plans
- Joint scoping of learning themes

Q2 2022

A WHOLE SYSTEM APPROACH



GRETA - Publication

‘Greening of VET – Processes, Practices and Policies’



GRETA REPORT

Available online !



GRETA COOPERATION WITH ENABEL



GREEN PEER-LEARNING – COP VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FORUM



ETF - DANUBE REGION STRATEGY COOPERATION



Danube Region Platform on CoVEs

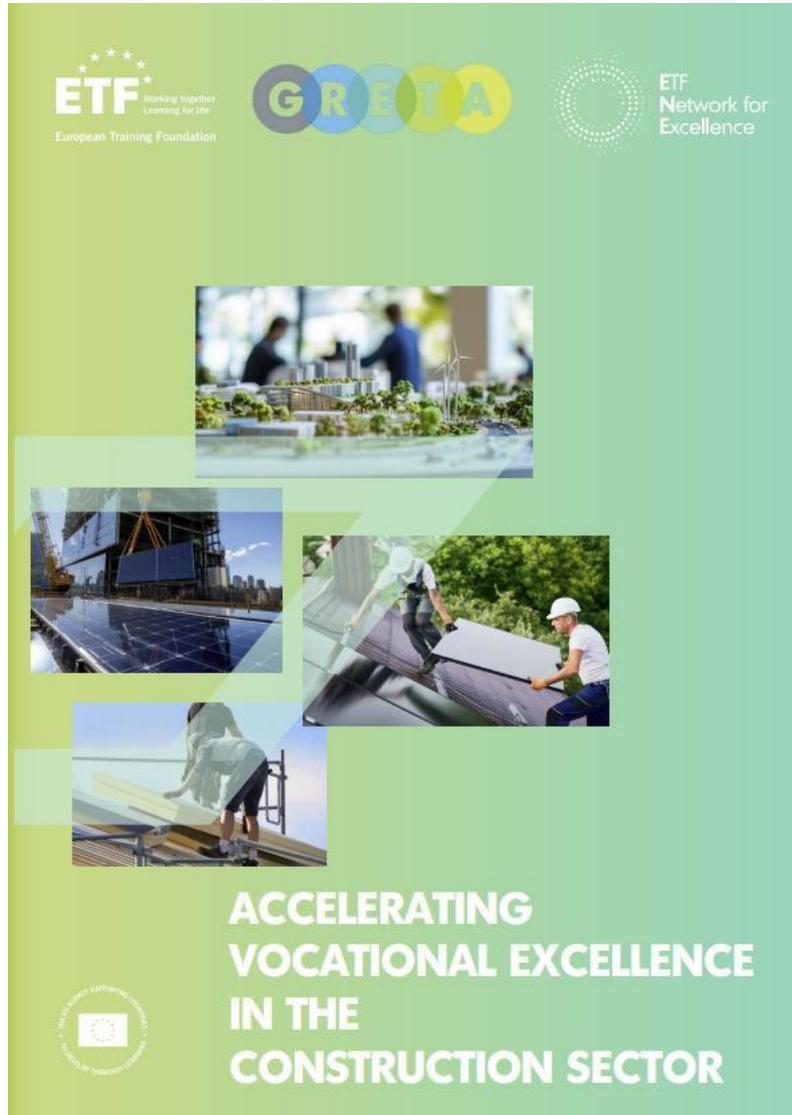
- Climate and green transition has not borders
- Policy makers, industry and VET providers
- Greening of VET

COOPERATION WITH OTHER PARTNERS

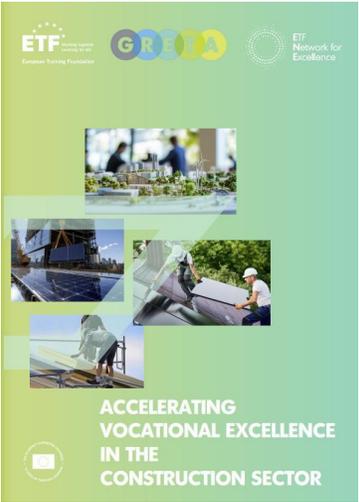
using models of green skills eco systems



Vocational Excellence in the Construction sector



CONNECTING BOTTOM-UP PRACTICE WITH TOP-DOWN POLICY FORMULATION



JOINING ETF Network for Excellence = COMMITTING TO EXCELLENCE

Who can join:

- Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)
- Vocational education and training (VET) providers
- Networks, institutions, and stakeholders committed to advancing excellence in VET

How to join:

- Express interest by contacting:
etf.network.for.excellence@etf.europa.eu
- New members can also join by invitation / nomination
- Candidates are **assessed** based on engagement in innovation, partnerships, and reform-oriented practices
- More info on: [The ETF Network for Excellence \(ENE\) | ETF](#)

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Integrate green skills with global commitments

Align national green skills strategies with the EU Green Deal. Strengthen horizontal and vertical governance coordination to embed sustainability in VET.

2. Foster collaborative skills partnerships

Build strong cooperation between CoVEs, industry, government, social partners, and local ecosystems to identify and address green skills needs.

3. Embed sustainability in VET curricula

Increase CoVE autonomy to adapt curricula to evolving green labour market demands.

4. Empower educators as sustainability leaders

Provide targeted professional development and incentives for VET educators in green initiatives.



KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Implement sustainable school practices

Integrate sustainability into CoVE operations.
Use regular environmental audits to monitor progress.

6. Ensure financial sustainability

Promote transparent governance and outcome-based funding aligned with green economy priorities.

7. Recognise vocational excellence

Reward CoVEs for contributions to regional skills, innovation, and the green transition.

8. Strengthen international collaboration

Encourage global exchange of best practices to drive innovation in green skills development.

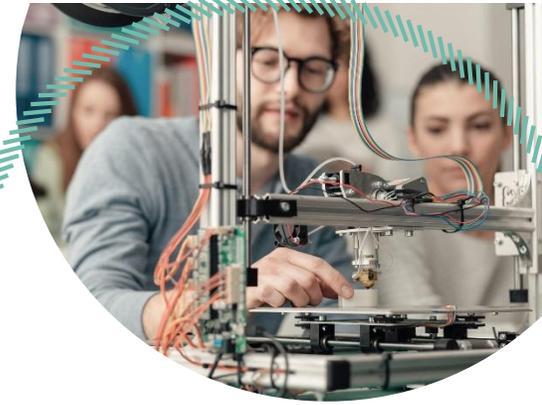


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GRETA received the European Commission's
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