
AGENDA

From Graz to the World: Inspiring the Future of Vocational Excellence

16TH SEPTEMBER 2026 – 12:00-13:00 CEST – ONLINE EVENT

Registration link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/DZp0vhkqRiScQaLwSLkQ1g>

The **ETF Network for Excellence (ENE)** promotes peer learning and knowledge exchange among Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs), helping members learn from each other's experiences and translate innovative practices into action.

Following the 2026 **Forum on Vocational Excellence in Graz**, held under the theme "**Dual Education and Training for Competitive Regions**", this webinar will bring the Forum's key messages and practical insights to the wider ENE community.

Through reflections from the organisers and participants, the webinar will provide an opportunity to discuss emerging trends, share lessons learned and identify ideas that can inspire and strengthen Centres of Vocational Excellence across ETF partner countries.

Focus of the Session

This session will explore:

- key messages from Graz Forum on the role of dual education and training;
- how cooperation between VET providers and regional stakeholders can drive vocational excellence;
- perspectives on developing dual education and training approaches to respond to regional skills needs, and as drivers of skills development and competitiveness.

The online webinar will be held in English, with interpretation in French.

Time	Agenda Item	Owner
12:00 – 12:05	Welcome and Introduction	Susanne Nielsen , ETF Expert
12:05 – 12:10	Opening remarks	Anna Barbieri , DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
12:10 – 12:25	Forum on Vocational Excellence: reflections • Reflections on the key messages from Graz on the role of dual education and training in strengthening competitive regions. • Insights on how cooperation between VET providers, companies and regional stakeholders can drive vocational excellence.	Doris Kiendl , Institute of International Management and Entrepreneurship GREENOVET / Forum on Vocational Excellence
12:25 – 12:35	European perspective – Reflections from an EU candidate country • Perspectives on developing dual education and training approaches to respond to regional skills needs. • Lessons learned on building partnerships and strengthening links between VET systems and labour markets.	Speaker to be confirmed
12:35 – 12:45	Asian perspective – Lessons from Asia • International perspectives on dual education and industry partnerships as drivers of skills development and competitiveness. • Insights on how cooperation between education, business and public authorities can support future-ready regions.	Representative of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) delegation
12:45 – 12:55	Discussion and exchange with ENE members	
12:55 – 13:00	Closing remarks	ETF team