

ETF Network for Excellence (ENE)

Onboarding Guide

This document represents a guide for integrating new members into the ETF Network for Excellence (ENE), aiming to ensure that you feel welcomed, well-informed, and confident as you begin your journey within the Network.



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About the ETF Network for Excellence ENE

The ETF Network for Excellence (ENE) – your partner on the journey to vocational excellence



Global Peer Learning Community

Launched in 2020, the **ETF Network for Excellence (ENE)** is a dynamic global peer learning community that brings together over **330 members from more than 50 countries**. Supported by the **European Training Foundation (ETF)**, ENE connects Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs), institutions, and experts dedicated to promoting quality, innovation, and international collaboration in vocational education and training (VET).



Mission of the ETF Network for Excellence (ENE)

The ETF Network for Excellence (ENE) exists to **advance vocational education and training (VET) transformation** by fostering a global community of Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs), VET providers, and partners. Through peer learning, collaboration, and policy dialogue, ENE strengthens institutional capacity, promotes VET and lifelong learning (LLL) excellence, and supports the development of relevant skills for dynamic international labour markets.

- ENE is currently developing the **ENE Atlas** – a new online registry of members and their expertise that will serve as a dynamic reference for collaboration and visibility within the network.

Membership Requirements

ENE membership is institution-based, it is open to individual training providers (CoVEs, VET public or private), clusters of providers (VET provider associations), policy makers (ministries, other national and regional stakeholders) from ETF partner countries, EU Member States and beyond.

1

Official Endorsement

Endorsement by the relevant national, sub-national, or local authority demonstrates institutional support and legitimacy.

2

Self-Expression of Interest

Autonomous VET providers (public, private, or PPP) or umbrella organizations expressing interest in collaboration.

Getting Started: Your journey begins

- 1 Initial Contact**

Send membership request on behalf of your institution to **etf.network.for.excellence@etf.europa.eu** expressing interest and providing basic institutional information.
- 2 Introductory Meeting**

Participate in an onboarding meeting for Newcomers with the ENE Team to discuss goals, expectations, and how ENE can support your objectives.
- 3 Registration Process**

Complete a registration form and provide necessary information (good practice) **to formalise your membership** registry in [ENE Atlas](#).
- 4 Welcome & Integration**

Receive your onboarding package, access to member resources, and guidance on immediate next steps for active participation.

🟢 **Ready to join?** Contact us at **etf.network.for.excellence@etf.europa.eu** to begin your ENE membership journey and connect with over 330 VET excellence practitioners worldwide.

For detailed information and additional resources, visit our main [ENE page](#).

Essential Tools & Contacts

Navigate the ENE ecosystem with confidence using these **key connection points** designed to support your engagement and maximise your member experience.



ENE Atlas

Your gateway to networking opportunities. Discover expertise, find collaborators, and showcase your own institutional strengths within our member directory.



ENE Open Space

Access the main ENE portal for comprehensive information and community updates at our central hub for all network activities.



Upcoming Events

Stay informed about webinars, workshops, conferences, and peer learning opportunities tailored to advance your professional development and institutional goals, see ENE Open Space/What's Coming Up.



Resource Library

Explore curated collections of best practices, tools, research findings, and success stories from ENE members worldwide.



Direct Contact

Reach our dedicated team at **etf.network.for.excellence@etf.europa.eu** for personalised support, questions, or collaboration opportunities.



Newsletter & Updates

You will be **emailed** regularly about network highlights, member spotlights, and important announcements to help you stay connected with ENE developments.

Member Benefits & Opportunities

ENE membership **opens doors to transformative opportunities that enhance institutional capacity, visibility, and impact** in the global VET landscape. Our platform **facilitates peer learning, exchange of best practices, and joint action across ETF partner countries**. Members engage through diverse channels including online sessions, face-to-face events, and collaborative tools that support excellence in VET across all partner regions.



International Peer Learning

Join a knowledge-sharing community focused on VET thematic areas of excellence, improving your institution's capacity for internationalization and cross-border collaboration.



Collaboration Partnerships

Connect with VET institutions, industries, and policymakers to create impactful collaborations. Find and match with partners for opportunities, enhancing your institution's portfolio and potential.



Enhanced Recognition

Gain recognition as an international reference hub, increasing institutional visibility and improving marketing functions within the global VET community.



Access to EU Tools

Stay connected to current and future EU tool developments, self-assessment processes, and CoVE award and labeling opportunities.



Influence Policy

Contribute to strengthening and reforming VET systems by participating in policy dialogue and initiatives.



Foster Vocational Excellence

Share best practices, and innovative solutions across diverse regions and contexts.

Our Approach to Vocational Excellence

Building Bridges to Excellence

The ETF-ENE approach to Vocational Excellence builds on interconnected **key areas that drive transformation in vocational education and training** worldwide. ENE aims to create a dynamic ecosystem where vocational education thrives and adapts to global challenges. Its core areas of interest include **innovation, digitalisation, green transition, inclusion, entrepreneurship, career guidance, lifelong learning, and the creation of partnerships and skills ecosystems.**



Green Transition

[Preparing learners for sustainable jobs](#)



Entrepreneurship

[Equipping learners with business and leadership skills](#)



Regional Collaboration

Building strong partnerships, including initiatives like **ENE Africa** to strengthen vocational excellence.



Digital Education

[Integrating digital tools and skills into training](#)



Social Inclusion

[Ensuring equal access to high-quality training](#)



Policy Advancement

Supporting governments to improve VET systems and strategies.

Our Community Values & Commitments

ENE's strength lies in our shared commitment to common values that guide **behaviour**, decision-making, and collaboration across all network members. These principles create a **foundation for respectful, inclusive, and ethical engagement**.



Collaboration

We work together to solve challenges, share ideas, and build collective capacity across regions and sectors.



Innovation

We embrace new ideas, tools, and approaches to continuously improve vocational education and training.



Inclusivity

We value diverse voices and aim for equitable participation across all contexts and communities.



Knowledge Sharing

We contribute and utilise community knowledge for collective growth and mutual benefit.



Co-Creation

We build resources, solutions, and strategies together through collaborative processes.



Member Commitment: As an ENE community member, I commit to actively participating, sharing insights, listening with respect, supporting peer learning, and contributing to our shared resources.



Sharing Excellence across the ENE Network



What is a good practice?

A good practice is a practice that has been proven to work well and produce good results, and is therefore recommended as a model. It is a successful experience, which has been tested and validated and which has been repeated and deserves to be shared so that a greater number of people can adopt it.

How do we share Good Practices in the ETF Network for Excellence (ENE)?

The ENE Network thrives on the collaborative sharing of effective strategies and successful initiatives in VET. Our approach ensures that valuable practices from across the ENE network are identified, documented (inside the ENE ATLAS) and disseminated, empowering all members to learn from each other's achievements and continuously enhance VET excellence.



Identify Good Practices

Members are encouraged to proactively identify and document innovative or highly successful VET practices within their institutions.

“Spot what works!”



Document It

Once identified, practices are documented using a shared **template**. This involves detailing the aim, actions taken, tangible results, and key lessons learned, including data and compelling stories that prove their success.

“Tell your story clearly.”



Validate and Approve

Upon submission, ENE Team will review each practice. This validation process assesses criteria such as innovation, adaptability, measurable impact, and alignment with CoVE and VET goals before it is officially shared.

“Quality check before sharing.”



Share and Inspire

Approved good practices are then uploaded to a shared repository (**ENE ATLAS**) and promoted throughout the network. This includes presentations in webinars and exchange events, as well as features in newsletters and social media to maximize visibility and inspire wider adoption.

“Spread the excellence!”



Learn and Improve

The ultimate goal is for members to adopt and adapt these shared practices within their own contexts, keeping the cycle of innovation alive and fostering continuous improvement across the network.

“Continuous learning for continuous excellence.”

*Developed by STEPS to support the ETF Vocational Excellence team in managing and facilitating the ENE network.