

# Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE)

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Statistics on the participation of **Finnish organisations** in funded projects 2021-2027



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# Centralised Actions

Erasmus+ 2021-2027

Online activities that promote intercultural dialogue and soft skills development

Virtual Exchanges

Study programmes delivered by multiple HEI

Erasmus Mundus Action

Improve Europe's innovation capacity through cooperation of HE, VET, and companies

Alliances for Innovation

High-quality university networks

European Universities

Not-for-profit European sport events

Support for preparation and organisation of sport events

Support the development of European teacher education

Teacher Academies

Capacity Building

Cooperation Partnerships (European NGOs)

Partnerships in the fields of education, training and youth

Support modernisation, accessibility and internationalisation of education outside EU

Forward-looking Projects

Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE)

Drive innovation and excellence by strengthening links with industry

KA3 Policy Cooperation

Support to policy cooperation at EU level

Jean Monnet Actions

Support teaching and research related to the European Union

Foster innovation, participation, and social entrepreneurship



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# Centres of Vocational Excellence: Statistics on the participation of Finnish organisations in funded projects

## OVERVIEW



**2021-  
2023**

calls completed (3)



**7.5.2024**

deadline for most  
recent call

## FINNISH PARTICIPATION 2021-2023



**11**

projects with 48  
Finnish organisations

**26,8 %**

participation of Finnish  
organisations as a  
percentage



**41**

projects funded in  
total in Europe

**2**

projects with a  
Finnish coordinator

## FUNDING 2021-2023



**7,8 €**

of funding for Finnish  
organisations

**150 M €**

total budget  
available

**5,2 %**

funding for Finnish  
organisations from total  
budget available

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## OVERVIEW



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## FUNDING STATISTICS



Source: Erasmus+ dashboards / data updated 15.4.2024

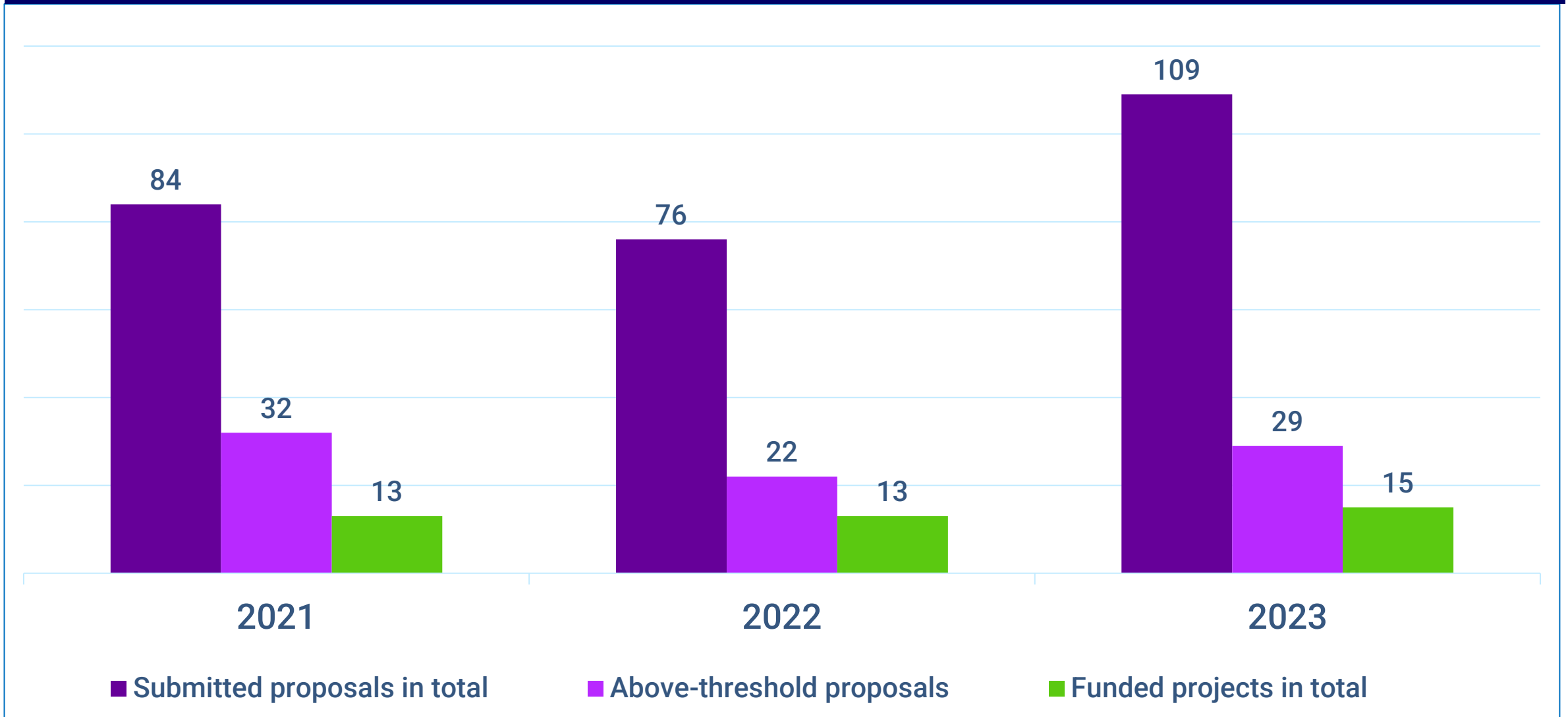
# Centres of Vocational Excellence: Statistics on applications, their quality and funded projects throughout Europe



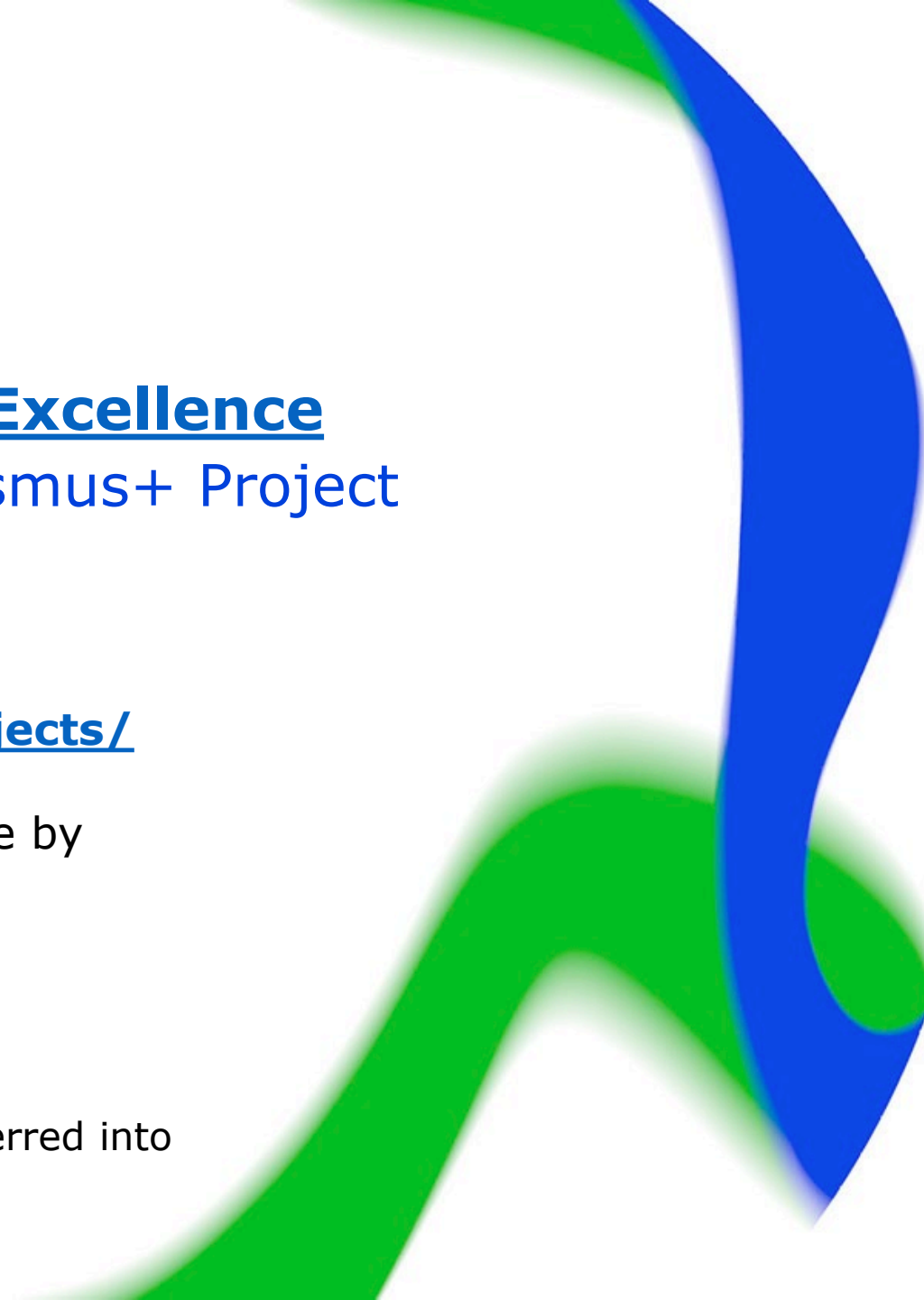
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## APPLICATION STATISTICS



Source: European Commission / data updated 15.4.2024



Descriptions of all the  
**KA238: Centres of Vocational Excellence**  
**projects** can be found in the Erasmus+ Project  
Results Platform 2021 onwards

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/>

You will find the COVE projects from database by  
using the following **filters**:

Action: **KA2**

Action Types: **KA238**

[Please note: Projects for call 2023, not yet transferred into  
Erasmus+ Projects Results Platform. /15.5.2024]



# Centres of Vocational Excellence: Table of Finnish organisations participating in funded projects 2021-2023 (1/2)



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CALL YEAR	PROJECT TITLE	FINNISH ORGANISATION(S) INVOLVED	FINNISH COORDINATOR?
2021	<a href="#">MOSAIC: Mastering job-Oriented Skills in Arts &amp; crafts thanks to Inclusive Centres of vocational excellence</a>	ESPOON SEUDUN KOULUTUSKUNTAYHTYMA OMNIA, LAB-AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY, PUUSEPANLIIKE WOODEN OY	-
2021	<a href="#">Sustainable Energy Education (SEED)</a>	TURUN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY, RAISION SEUDUN KOULUTUSKUNTAYHTYMA, SOLAR FINLAND OY	-
2022	<a href="#">Care about IT</a>	CITY OF TURKU, TURKU CITY DATA OY	-
2022	<a href="#">Auto-Cove 2.0; Greening Europe with support of Clean-tech-vehicle education</a>	ESPOON SEUDUN KOULUTUSKUNTAYHTYMA OMNIA, TEKNOLOGIAN TUTKIMUSKESKUS VTT OY, BILIA OY AB, VOLVO CAR FINLAND OY AB	ESPOON SEUDUN KOULUTUSKUNTA-YHTYMÄ OMNIA
2022	<a href="#">EXCELLENCE IN GREEN AND DIGITAL MANUFACTURING (EXCEED)</a>	OULUN YLIOPISTO, KOULUTUSKUNTAYHTYMA OSAO, MACON OY	-
2022	<a href="#">H2Excellence: Fuel Cells and Green Hydrogen Centers of Vocational Excellence towards affordable, secure, and sustainable energy for Europe</a>	OY VAASAN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU - VASAYRKESHOGSKOLA AB, OY MERINOVA AB, VAASAN KAUPUNKI	OY VAASAN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU - VASAYRKESHOGSKOLA AB

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CALL YEAR	PROJECT TITLE	FINNISH ORGANISATION(S) INVOLVED	FINNISH COORDINATOR ?
2023	Vocational Training for Optimal Learning and Growth in the European Battery Industry	VAASAN KAUPUNKI / VAMIA, OY MERINOVA AB	-
2023	European Vocational Excellence for Climate Smart Agriculture	PROAGRIA KESKI-POHJANMAA RY, KESKI-POHJANMAAN KOULUTUSYHTYMA, LAPIN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY, SEINÄJOEN KOULUTUSKUNTAYHTYMA	-
2023	Colleges for European Data Center Education	KOTKAN-HAMINAN SEUDUN KOULUTUSKUNTAYHTYMA, INNOCODE OY	-
2023	Regional and International Education Partnerships for Workplace Innovation in SMEs	SATAKUNNAN KAUPPAKAMARI RY, SATAKUNNAN KOULUTUSKUNTAYHTYMA, SATAKUNNAN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY	-
2023	Intelligent printing, flexible and organic electronics Excellence	TEKNOLOGIAN TUTKIMUSKESKUS VTT OY, OULUN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY - OULU UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, KOULUTUSKUNTAYHTYMA OSAO	-

# Centres of Vocational Excellence: Selected projects

Erasmus+ 2020 pilot call (4 years duration)

Erasmus+ 2019 pilot call (2 years duration)



Advanced Manufacturing 4.0  
<https://examhub.eu/>



Water sector  
<https://povewater.eu/>



Cultural and creative industries  
<http://deuscci.eu/>



IoT in Smart manufacturing  
<https://talentjourney.si/>



Digital Innovation Hub  
<https://dihubcloud.eu/>



Microelectronics  
<https://ecovem.eu/>



Green Innovation  
<http://www.greenovet.eu/>



Inclusive excellence  
<https://www.thegiveproject.eu/>



Furniture and Wood  
<https://www.allview.eu/>



Innovation in the Green Economy  
<https://3-loe.eu/>



Finfish industry  
<http://www.bridges.eu/>



Urban Greening  
<https://www.platformurbangreening.eu/>



**Descriptions of all 5 pilot phase COVE projects from Call 2019** in the Erasmus+ Project Results Platform

**<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/>**

You will find the COVE projects from Call 2019 by using the search criteria: **\*EPPKA2-SSA-P**

# Centres of Vocational Excellence: Table of all the 5 COVE pilot phase projects call 2019



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CALL YEAR	Project title	Finnish organisation(s) involved	Countries covered:
2019	<a href="#"><u>DIHUB: Digital Innovation Hub for cloud based services</u></a>	Helsinki Business College (coordinator) Haaga-Helia ammattikorkeakoulu Helsingin seudun kauppakamari	Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Finland (coordinator), Portugal
2019	<a href="#"><u>Talentjourney - Platform for CDS VET Excellence</u></a>	Sataedu (partner) Satakunnan ammattikorkeakoulu SAMK (partner)	Slovenia, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Italy
2019	<a href="#"><u>Pilot Platform of Vocational Excellence Water (Pilot PoVE Water)</u></a>	-	Belgium, Czechia, Latvia, Malta, Netherlands (coordinator), United Kingdom
2019	<a href="#"><u>European Open Design School for Sustainable Regional Development</u></a>	Kaakkois-Suomen ammattikorkeakoulu Oy Xamk (partner)	Austria, Denmark, Finland, Italy (coordinator), Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Slovakia, United Kingdom
2019	<a href="#"><u>EXCELLENT ADVANCED MANUFACTURING 4.0</u></a>		Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, Spain (coordinator), Sweden



**Descriptions of all 7 pilot phase COVE projects from Call 2020** in the Erasmus+ Project Results Platform

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/>

You will find the COVE projects from Call 2020 by using the search criteria: **\*EPPKA3-VET-COVE**

# Centres of Vocational Excellence: Table of the COVE pilot phase projects with Finnish organisations call 2020



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CALL YEAR	Project title	Finnish organisation(s) involved	Countries covered:
2020	<a href="#">European VET Excellence Platform for Green Innovation GREENOVET</a>	VAASAN KAUPUNKI / VAMIA VAASAN YLIOPISTO OY MERINOVA AB	Austria (coordinator), Finland, North Macedonia, Portugal
2020	<a href="#">Blue Region Initiatives for Developing Growth, Employability and Skills in the farming of finfish (BRIDGES)</a>	PEIMARIN KOULUTUSKUNTAYHTYMÄ, NORDIC TROUT AB	Norway (coordinator), Iceland, Finland, Sweden
2020	<a href="#">Governance for Inclusive Vocational Excellence (GIVE)</a>	ESPOON SEUDUN KOULUTUSKUNTAYHTYMA OMNIA, HÄMEEN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY, GREEN BERRY OY	Belgium, Finland, Italy (coordinator), Malta, Romania, Spain
2020	<a href="#">European Platform for Urban Greening</a>	AHLMANIN KOULUN SÄÄTIÖ, VRJ LANSI-SUOMI OY	Czechia, Denmark, Finland, Netherlands (coordinator), Romania, Spain





# The policy framework



**EUROPEAN SKILLS AGENDA**

Skills for jobs

July 2020  
#EUSkillsAgenda

The EU needs a skills revolution to ensure people can thrive in the green and digital transitions, and to help in the recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.



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Education, training and life-long learning

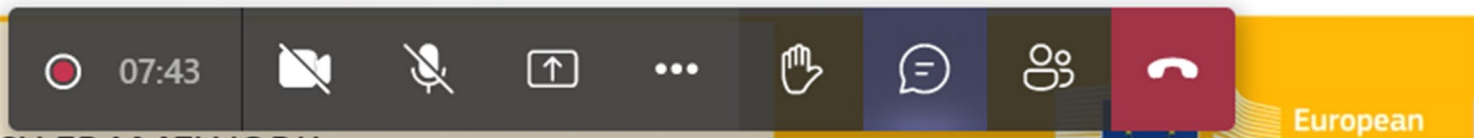
**Vocational education and training**  
Skills for today and for the future

Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

See brochure on VET:  
[Vocational education and training:  
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European Education Area



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# Erasmus+ Centres of Vocational Excellence

**Erasmus+ funding 2021-2027: €400 million for 100 CoVE networks**



The **partners** include VET institutions, Universities of applied science, Research centres, Companies, Chambers, etc.



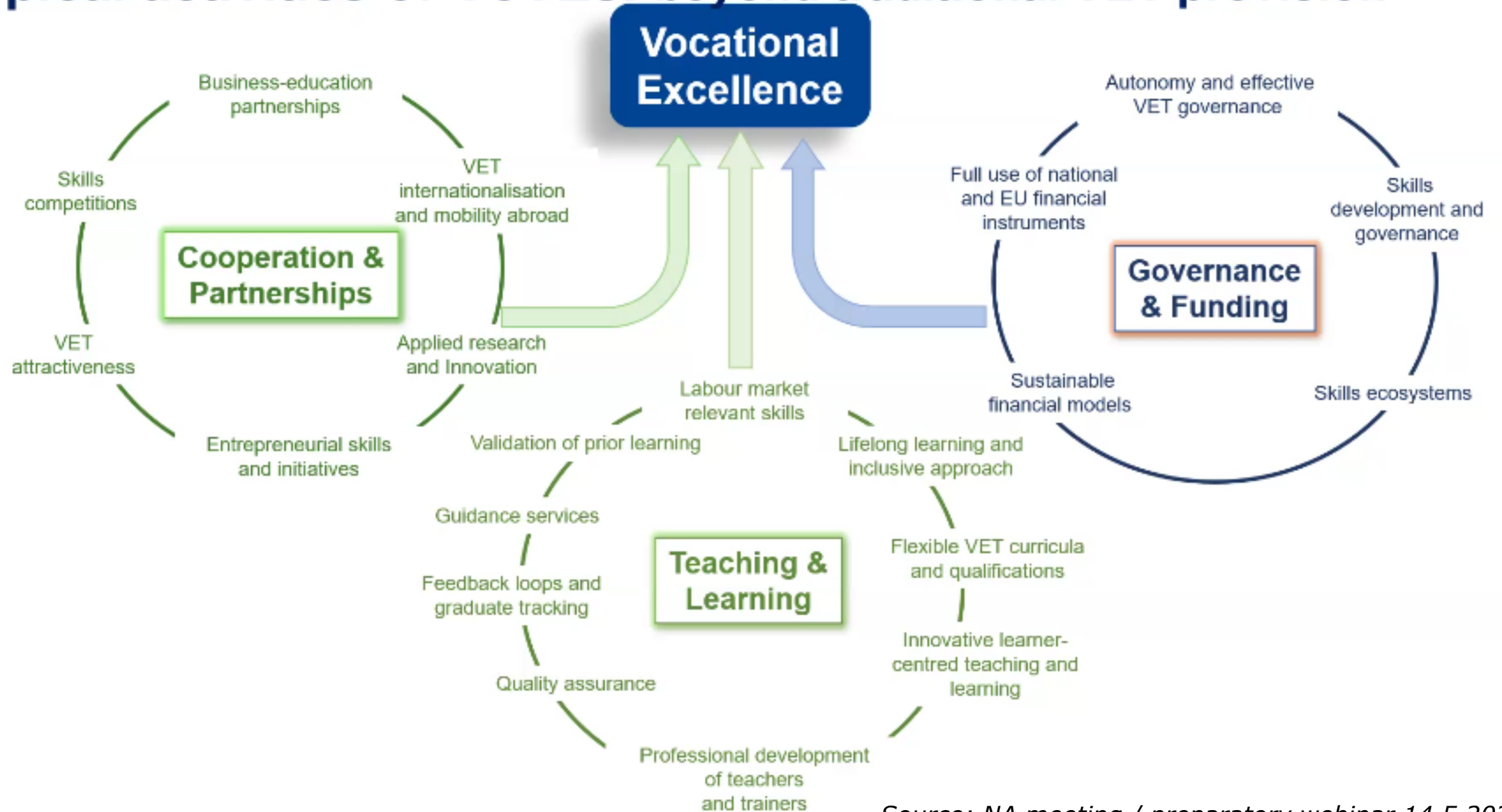
The projects work on **specific sectors** such as construction and health and **horizontal topics** such as the green and digital transitions and social inclusion



**Act local, think global**



# Typical activities of CoVEs: beyond traditional VET provision



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## State of play:

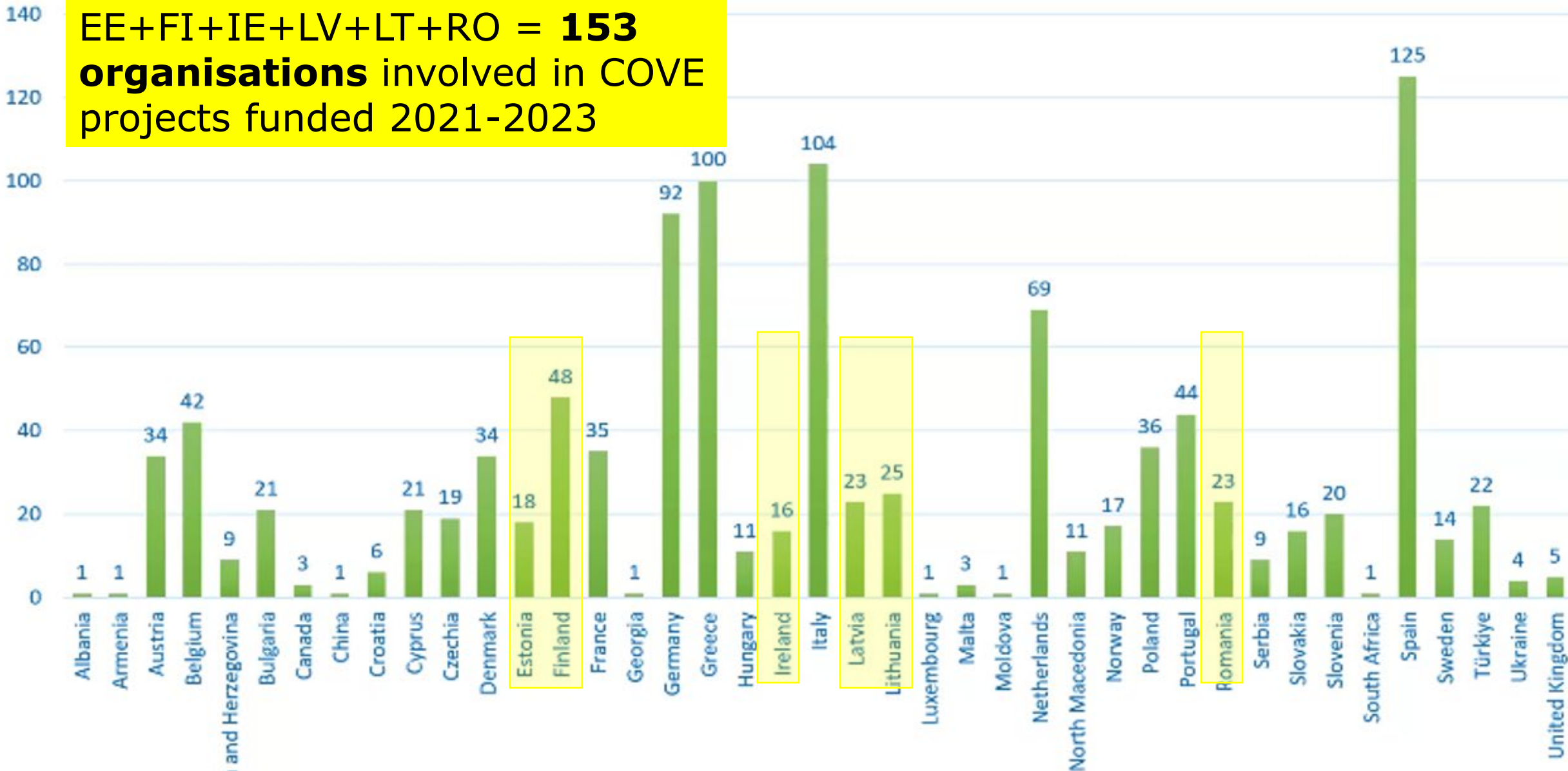
- Strong interest in the initiative and many applications
- The projects reach broadly:
  - 41 countries involved
  - Range from 12 to 85 partners
  - Currently 1086 organisations involved

Call year	Funded projects	Budget (MEUR)
2021	13	46
2022	13	48
2023	15	56



# Total number of participation in the 41 countries involved

EE+FI+IE+LV+LT+RO = **153 organisations** involved in COVE projects funded 2021-2023



Source: NA meeting / preparatory webinar 14.5.2024

## Partners are...

- **Education and Training providers** VET institutions, Universities of applied science, Research centres
- **Business and Industry Companies**, Chambers, Professional or sector associations, Trade unions
- **Policy-makers** Employment services, Regional development agencies, Municipalities, Qualification authorities, and others



# Types of organisation



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# Centres of Vocational Excellence - Selection 2023

## Statistics on projects selected



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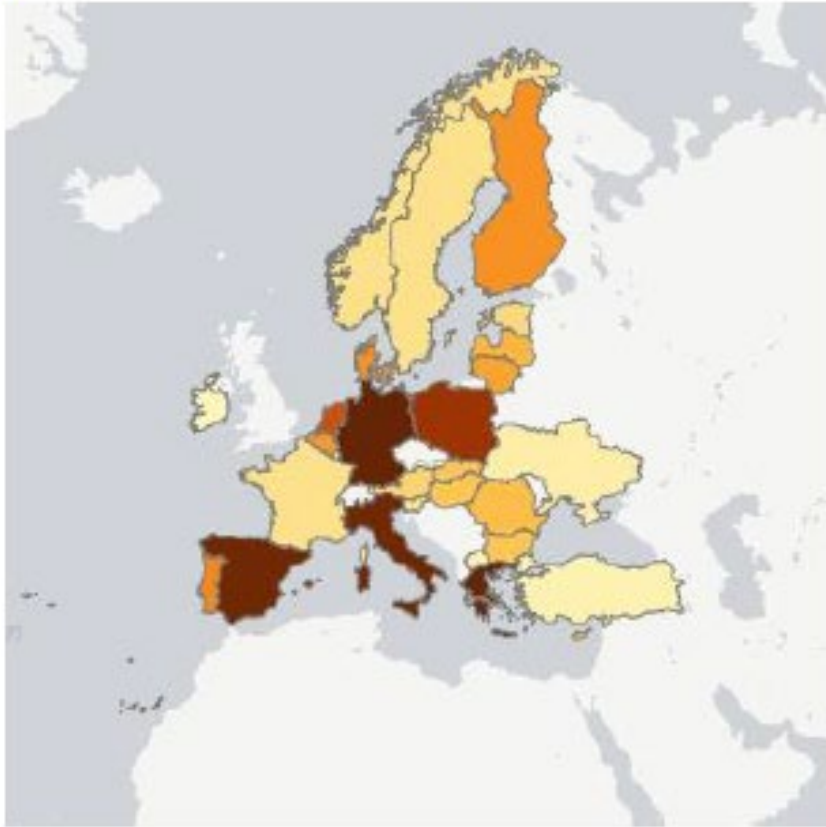
# Data on selected projects from the 2023 selection

- 15 selected projects out of 96 eligible applications
- EU total grant awarded: EUR 55,7 million
- Average grant per project: EUR 3,7 million
- Selected projects since 2020: 48
- Total EU grant awarded since 2020: EUR 176,5 million



Data on selected projects from the Call 2023:

## Organisations from 27 countries involved



### 402 Organisations from:

- 23 Members States
- 3 third countries associated to the Programme
- 1 third country not associated to the programme (Ukraine)



COVE

## Call for proposals 2024 – first statistics



Deadline for submission of proposals: **7 May 2024**



Number of proposals received: **132 proposals** – highest number compared with previous calls



Evaluation results to be communicated **first week of November 2024**

## **More information about COVE:**

- ❑ [Europa Website on COVE: Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion / Centres of Vocational Excellence](#)
- ❑ [The CoVE Community of Practice \(COPCOVES\)](#)
- ❑ Erasmus+ Programme Guide / Key Action 2: [Centres of Vocational Excellence](#)
- ❑ [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#): Call for proposal, Projects & Results jne.