



Information sheet – EU Policy Camp

EVBB is organising an EU Policy Camp for VET stakeholders, to raise awareness and implement a consultation process on current EU policies, covering a broad set of topics in the field of education. The EU Policy Camp is an integral part of the Operational grant META VET and is set to take place in Brussels, Belgium, from October 23rd to October 27th. The camp is scheduled to span over a duration of five days, starting on Monday, October 23rd, and concluding on Friday, October 27th. This event plays a vital role in promoting Vocational Education and Training (VET) at a grassroots level across Europe. With a combination of topdown influence and bottom-up engagement, the camp aims to actively contribute to policy development, making it a significant endeavour.

The EU Policy camp aims to

- Raise awareness of European policy agendas in education and training, in particular for the European Education Area.
- Increase stakeholder commitment and cooperation with public authorities for the implementation of policies and reforms in the fields of education and training.
- Boost stakeholders participation in the fields of education and training.
- Boost civil society involvement in the dissemination of policy and programme actions including results and good practices.
- Making a significant contribution to VET policy development: Through its activities and discussions, the camp aims to make a meaningful and substantial contribution to the advancement and refinement of VET policies. By addressing key challenges, sharing best practices, and exploring innovative approaches, the camp strives to shape and improve the VET landscape across Europe.

Overall, the EU Policy Camp seeks to create an enriching and collaborative platform where VET stakeholders can come together to share insights, exchange ideas, and develop strategies to strengthen vocational education and training policies in Europe.

About the Camp

The main theme of the EU Policy camp is the understanding, adaptation and the implementation of the current European Policies and Priorities in the field of vocational education.

The EU Policy Camp adopts a comprehensive methodology designed to offer participants a dynamic and engaging learning experience. Throughout the camp, we employ a variety of formats and activities to ensure a well-rounded understanding of European Union policies and their practical implications. The methodology encompasses a combination of keynote speaker sessions in the mornings and interactive practical workshops in the afternoons.

By combining keynote speaker sessions with practical workshops, the EU Policy Camp aims to create a well-rounded and immersive learning environment. Participants will gain theoretical insights from distinguished experts and then apply that knowledge through interactive activities. This methodology ensures a comprehensive understanding of EU policies, fosters meaningful discussions, and equips participants with practical skills that can be directly applied to their professional pursuits.



The topics that will be addressed during these 5 days:

- **Advocacy and Training for Lobbying:** It focuses on providing participants with training and practical guidance on effective advocacy and lobbying strategies. The Workshop on lobbying, advocacy, and legal capacity will delve into the details of these techniques, including best practices, legal considerations, and capacity-building measures.
 - **New Priorities for Erasmus+:** This session will explore the latest priorities and developments related to the Erasmus+ program. Participants will gain insights into the new directions, funding opportunities, and strategic objectives of Erasmus+ in the context of vocational education and training.
 - **Enhancing VET through Third Country Cooperation:** It aims to highlight the importance of international collaboration and cooperation in enhancing vocational education and training. It will focus on the potential benefits, challenges, and strategies for establishing partnerships and collaborations with third countries to promote VET excellence.
 - **Promoting Gender Equality and Ecosystem Thinking in VET Policies in the EU:** It will address the need for promoting gender equality and adopting an ecosystem thinking approach in VET policies within the European Union. It will explore strategies, policies, and initiatives that can foster inclusivity, equal opportunities, and a holistic approach to vocational education and training.
 - **VET Response and Adaptation in the Ukraine Crisis:** This theme will shed light on the specific challenges and opportunities faced by vocational education and training systems in response to the crisis in Ukraine. It will discuss the adaptation measures, innovative practices, and policy responses that can support the resilience and development of VET in crisis situations.
 - **Work in Cooperation with 3rd Countries:** This workshop will provide participants with practical insights and methodologies for working in collaboration with third countries in the field of vocational education and training. It will explore partnership models, effective cooperation strategies, and the exchange of best practices for mutual learning and development.
- These thematic areas are designed to cover a wide range of relevant topics and provide participants with valuable knowledge, skills, and perspectives to contribute to the development of VET policies at a grassroots level throughout Europe.

Financial Aspect

Funding Announcement: We are pleased to announce that EVBB (European Association of Institutes for Vocational Training) has secured funding to support the participation of 20 individuals in the EU Policy Camp. The selected participants will have the opportunity to attend the camp in Brussels for a duration of 5 days.

Financial Support: As part of the funding, EVBB will cover the expenses associated with the participants' stay in Brussels. This includes daily expenses such as accommodation, meals, and local transportation. Additionally, participants will be eligible for a reimbursement of their flight tickets, with a maximum limit of 350 euros.

We will provide financial support for only one person per member organization for the EU Policy Camp.

We understand that there may be multiple individuals within your organization who would be interested to participate, in such cases we encourage individuals to explore self-funding options to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to engage with the event.

We are committed to ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder active engagement and participation in this enriching event. Therefore, this funding support aims to facilitate the attendance of individuals who are passionate about VET policies and their development.



Selection Criteria



Please note that the selection process will be conducted based on the outlined criteria, and the chosen participants will be notified accordingly. To ensure a well-rounded and diverse group of participants, the EU Policy Camp will evaluate applications based on the following criteria:

Gender Balance: Aim for a balanced representation of both males and females. Select a specific number of speakers from each gender to ensure equal representation, such as 10 males and 10 females.

EVBB Membership: Priority will be given to the participants who hold membership with EVBB. In addition to considering membership priority, the needs and circumstances of the less experienced and economically disadvantaged members will be taken into account.

Experience Level: Consider selecting participants with a moderate level of experience. Priority will be given to those who have less experience, allowing them an opportunity to participate and grow within the programme.

Diversity of Expertise: Aim for a diverse range of expertise among the participants. Consider inviting participants from various policy areas, such as education, employment, innovation, or social inclusion. This diversity will provide attendees with a comprehensive perspective on different policy domains.

Geographical Representation: Ensure representation from different European/Non-European countries or regions.

Networking Potential: Assess participants' networking potential and their ability to establish connections and collaborate with others. Consider their existing networks, affiliations, and the potential for knowledge sharing and future collaboration among participants.

Motivation and Interest: Select participants who demonstrate a strong motivation to engage in policy discussions and a genuine interest in the EU's work. Look for individuals who have actively contributed to policy debates, research, or initiatives in the past.

Diversity and Inclusion: Consider factors such as ethnic diversity, age, disability, and other dimensions of diversity to ensure a diverse and inclusive lineup of speakers.

Contribution to the Camp: Assess how participants can contribute to the overall objectives of the camp. Consider their potential to share insights, propose innovative ideas, or contribute to policy recommendations or outcomes of the event.

Language Proficiency: Consider the language requirements of the camp and ensure that participants have the necessary proficiency to actively participate in discussions and contribute effectively.

Sector Representation: Consider speakers from various sectors, such as academia, government, non-profit organizations, industry, and civil society. This allows for a well-rounded discussion and diverse viewpoints.

How to Apply:

To apply for the EU Policy Camp, please follow the registration process by clicking on the following link:
<https://7hticsv6c2r.typeform.com/to/ObMsXg65>

The deadline for pre-registrations is July 25th.

After the selection process, successful applicants will be notified via email by the 31st of July.

We look forward to receiving your application and your active participation in the EU Policy Camp as we work together to strengthen VET at a grassroots level throughout Europe. Together, we can shape the future of VET policies and create a stronger foundation for vocational education and training in Europe. Should you have any further questions, [please do not hesitate to contact us at adra.ivziku@evbb.eu](mailto:adra.ivziku@evbb.eu)