

Towards a Global TVET Agenda: Webinar Series

Episode 3

Strengthening TVET systems through developing Centres of Vocational Excellence
Monday, 16 November, 10:30-12:00 CET

Context

“Towards a Global TVET Agenda” ([TGTA](#)) is a multilateral initiative to strengthen international cooperation and position Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) as a key driver of quality education, decent work, inclusive economic growth and resilient societies.

Launched in October 2025 at the UNESCO-UNEVOC Global TVET Forum in Berlin, TGTA is driven and funded by the German Government through the Federal Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMBFSFJ). It brings together leading international organizations within a single coordinated framework, linking policy dialogue, data development and implementation support.

Core partners are:

- The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre for TVET (**UNESCO-UNEVOC**)
- International Labour Organization (**ILO**)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (**OECD**)
- European Training Foundation (**ETF**)

The German Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) supports the development and implementation of TGTA. Further national, regional and global organizations, such as WorldSkills International as an associated partner, contribute to advance evidence-based TVET development.

To TVET policymakers, social partners, researchers and providers, TGTA offers access to platforms for dialogue, policy guidance, comparable data, leadership development and implementation support. It improves coherence across initiatives, strengthens TVET networks and accelerates the scaling of TVET excellence and innovation across regions.

The TGTA webinar series offers a space to promote the outcomes and impact of the TGTA initiative, as well as explore opportunities for joint action. Each episode focuses on a key pillar of the initiative to explore:

- TVET data (OECD)
- knowledge sharing and capacity building (UNESCO-UNEVOC)
- vocational excellence (ETF)
- social partnership and work-based learning (ILO)
- reflections on collaboration towards a global TVET agenda (BIBB)

Join us on 16 November for the third episode of the TGTA webinar series, where we will look at the role that excellence plays in the TGTA Initiative. When TVET systems deliver inclusive, high-quality, and responsive education aligned with evolving labour-market needs, they strengthen workforces and build more resilient TVET systems worldwide.

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Outstanding TVET facilities can act as catalysts within wider skills ecosystems. Identifying excellence, in all its various forms is the first step. Working together these institutions can learn from one another, forge connections to the public sector and support innovation. Strengthening TVET systems through vocational excellence means creating the conditions for institutions to continuously improve and respond to changing skills needs. When supported by effective governance, quality assurance, and partnerships they can help make TVET systems more resilient.

This webinar explores how the European Training Foundation (ETF) is supporting the identification and recognition of excellence through mapping diverse Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) approaches and the enabling conditions that are rooted in different country contexts. Moreover, through a policy playbook, challenge partnerships, and case studies ETF is working to help policymakers identify practical responses and learn from experience across contexts. Together, these activities support the transmission of excellence from individual institutions to the system level and contribute to the TGTA Initiative.

When:

- Date: **Monday, 16 November 2026, 10:30-12:30 CET**
- Webinar: [Registration link](#)
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Agenda:

10:30 – 10:35	Welcome Katharina Engel, Team Lead “Towards a Global TVET Agenda”, BIBB
10:35 – 10:45	Why Vocational Excellence and how it aligns with the TGTA Initiative. Georgios Zisimos, Head of Human Capital Development Policy Advice Unit, ETF
10:45 – 11:05	No single definition: Country-grounded reflections on excellence for system change • Monika Auzinger, ETF Expert • Country Representative • Country Representative Moderator: Jessica Rosenfeld, Project Assistant, “Towards a Global TVET Agenda” Initiative, BIBB
11:05 – 11:20	Q&A session
11:20-11:45	Panel discussion – What role does excellence play in in setting the agenda for the future of TVET Panellists: • Natalie Ax, BILT Project Manager, Innovation and Excellence in TVET, UNESCO-UNEVOC • Malgorzata Kuczera, Project Manager, OECD • Lea Maiczack, Research Associate, “Towards a Global TVET Agenda” Initiative, BIBB • Pedro Moreno da Fonseca, Lifelong Learning Technical Specialist, ILO Moderator: Jessica Rosenfeld, Project Assistant “Towards a Global TVET Agenda” Initiative, BIBB
11:45-11:55	Interactive Menti Q&A
11:55 – 12:00	Closing remarks