



NEARVET

NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE FOR APPLIED RESEARCH IN VET

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What is NEARVET aiming at



The European Commission has identified applied research in VET as a priority area for attention. Applied research differs from traditional academic research, which seeks to contribute to humanity's wider body of knowledge, in that its purpose and focus is directed primarily towards a specific, practical aim or objective. In NEARVET, our concern is this focus in the field of vocational education and training. Moreover, NEARVET addresses a critical question, namely - 'if applied research in VET is critical - who are the applied researchers?'. Its work programme is developed to define the involved community of applied researchers in VET and to develop a programme aimed specifically at their needs.



We would like to involve you, if you are..

- VET programme organisers and course designers;
- VET tutors, trainers and teachers;
- Company representatives working with VET institutions on recruitment;
- Responsibles for quality assurance in VET;
- Trade association experts;
- Skills forecasting managers.

What we will create



- Elaboration of a Methodological Concept, engaging directly with Europe's stakeholders in this field to develop and validate applied research methods in VET
- Identifying in the NEARVET Blueprint the competences required to act effectively in the performance of applied research in VET
- Fostering exchange and cooperation through the NEARVET Network and its community of practice
- Co-creation and validation of a set of practical resources and methods, through the establishment and facilitation of a digitally-enabled NEARVET platform and Hub
- Development of a comprehensive legacy framework to facilitate a long-term perspective in the transferability and sustainability in applied research and experimental development in VET

How you can benefit from being involved



NEARVET will be implemented over a period of **24 months** through **4 main work-packages**. These will include:

- The results of the **Methodological Concept** that specifies and elaborates the NEARVET concept, focus and purpose of applied research specifically for the field of VET;
- **NEARVET Blueprint**, a document with the competences required to act effectively in the performance of applied research in VET.;
- **NEARVET Digital Hub**, a digitally-enabled platform with a set of practical resources and methods;
- Thanks to the **NEARVET Network**, national plans with stakeholders VET on applied research will be elaborated, as policy recommendations for the partners to develop the concept of participatory and collaborative applied research in their national contexts.

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