



#EUVocationalSkills
#EUVocationalExcellence

Centres of Vocational Excellence

*"Skills ecosystems" for
innovation, regional development, and smart specialisation*

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Vocational education and training is more important than ever. Providing people with the skills they need and that help them find a quality job, is one of our central responses to the recovery, and key for the green and digital transitions. Our initiatives on vocational excellence will continue to be based on innovation, transnational collaboration and social fairness.

#EUSkillsAgenda
#EUBridgetoJobs

Nicolas Schmit

Commissioner | Jobs and Social Rights



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Skills

The policy context (2020)



➤ Commission Communication: “European Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience”



➤ Council Recommendation: On vocational education and training for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience



➤ Commission Communication on the European Education Area

➤ Commission Communication: A New Industrial Strategy for Europe



➤ Commission Communication: “An SME Strategy for a sustainable and digital Europe”



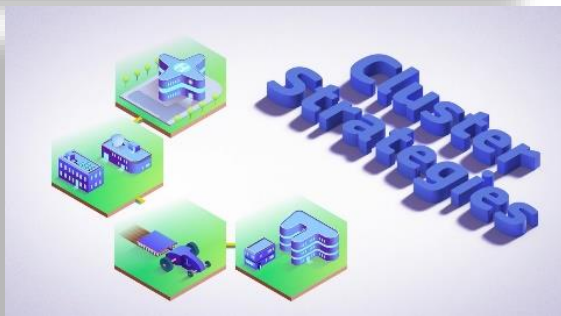
CoVE's fostering local/regional "Skills ecosystems"



<https://europa.eu/!cu83xr>

CoVEs an integrative part of skills ecosystems, contributing to:

- **Innovation,**
- **Regional development,**
- **Smart specialisation strategies,**
- **Cluster strategies**



Bringing together:

- *VET institutions*
- *Universities of applied science*
- *Research centres*

- *Companies*
- *Chambers*
- *Professional or sector associations*
- *Trade unions*

- *Policy makers*
- *Employment services/agencies*
- *Regional development agencies*
- *Municipalities*

➤ **Closely linked to regional development, innovation and smart specialisation strategies**

Allows for the identification of synergies between policies and amongst stakeholders, avoiding ad-hoc actions

➤ **Strong and enduring partnerships**

VET providers (including VET at tertiary level), higher education institutions, and businesses, in which interactions are reciprocal and mutually beneficial

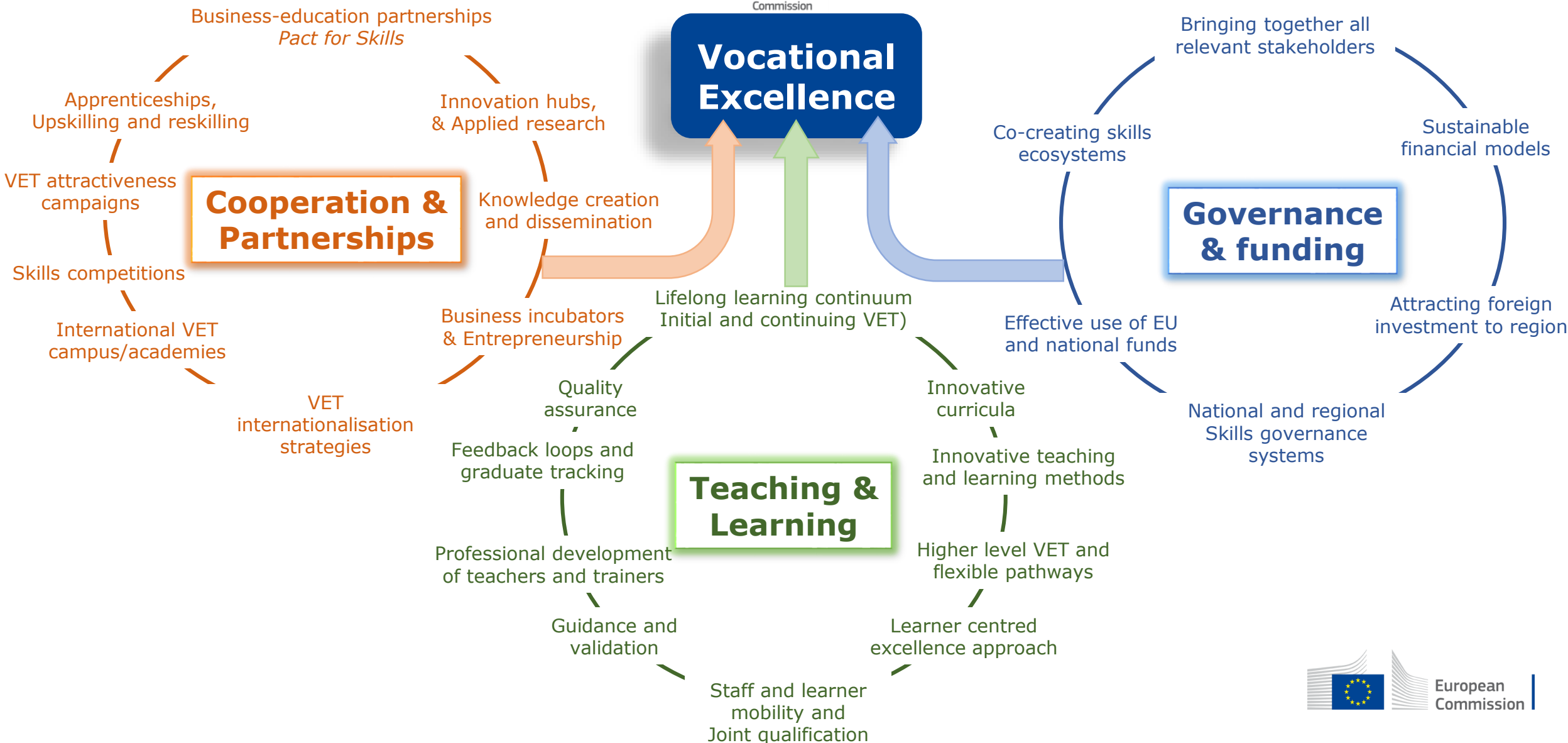
➤ **Integration of activities**

CoVEs achieve more than the sum of the parts



Typical activities of CoVE's

Pro-active partner in local development





- **2021-2027:** 400 million EUR for 100 Platforms of Centres of Vocational Excellence
- **Applicant:** Any participating organisation established in a Programme Country.
- **Partners:** Any public or private organisation active in field of VET, or world of work and established in a Programme country or in any Partner Country (*i.e. VET providers; companies; National/regional qualification authorities; Research institutes; Innovation agencies; Regional development authorities*)
- **Partnership:** must include at least 8 full partners from a minimum of 4 Programme countries (including at least 2 EU Member States) involving:
 - a) *at least 1 enterprise, industry or sector representative organisation, and*
 - b) *at least 1 vocational education and training provider (at secondary and/or tertiary level)*
- **EQF levels:** Can be focused on any EQF level but must also include levels 3, 4 or 5
- **Maximum EU grant per project:** €4 million (*Customized Lump Sums – MAX. EU co-financing 80%*)
- **Duration of projects:** 4 years

Centres of Vocational Excellence Erasmus+ 2019 & 2020 Pilot projects



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



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



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



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



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



Inclusive excellence
<https://www.efvet.org/portfolio-items/give-governance-for-inclusive-vocational-excellence/>



Microelectronics
<https://ecovem.eu/>



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



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



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



Urban Greening
<https://www.facebook.com/European-Platform-Urban-Greening-106220718115727/>



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

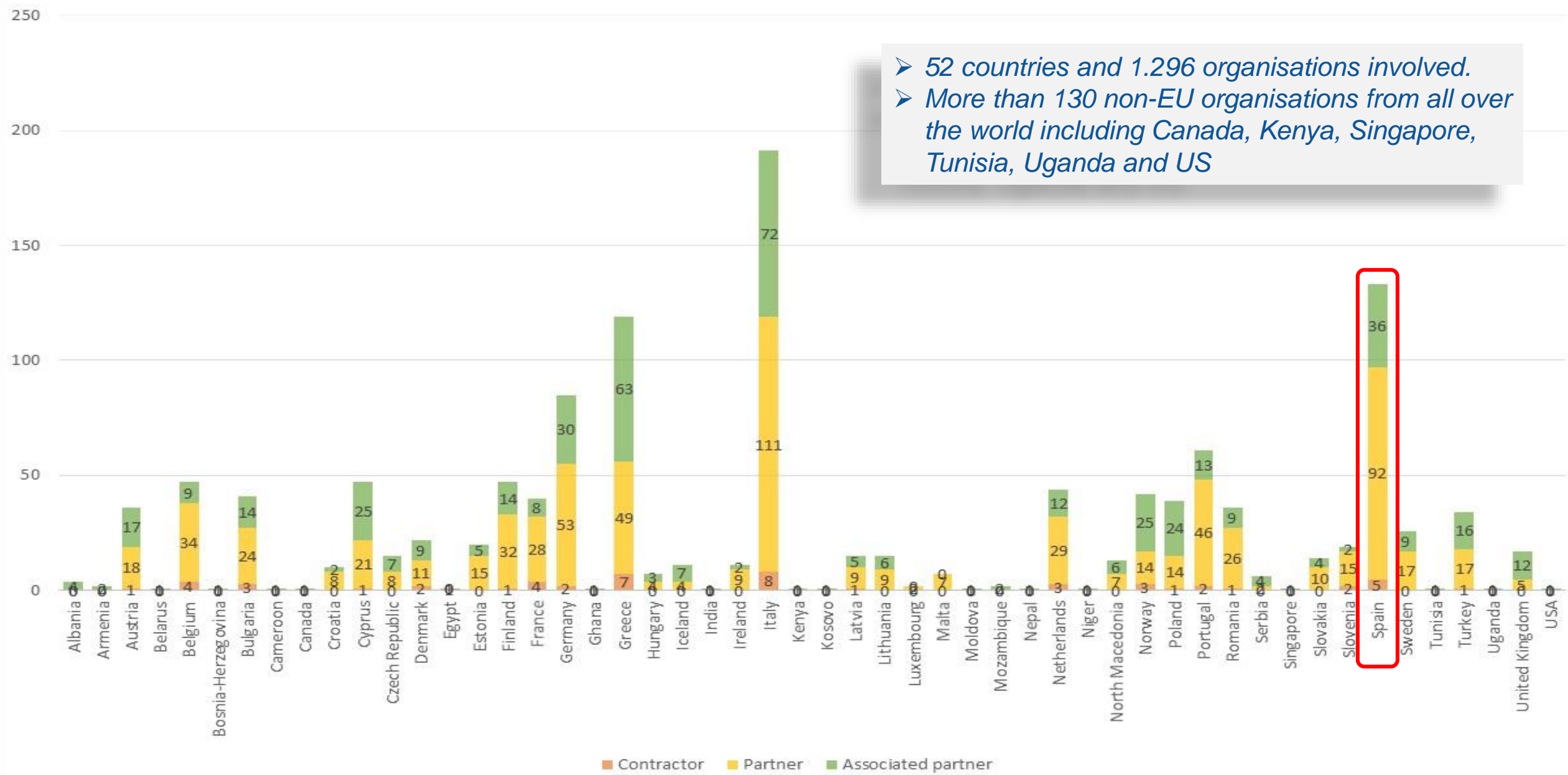


ERASMUS+ 2020 - KA3 CALL FOR CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT APPLICATIONS, BY ROLE

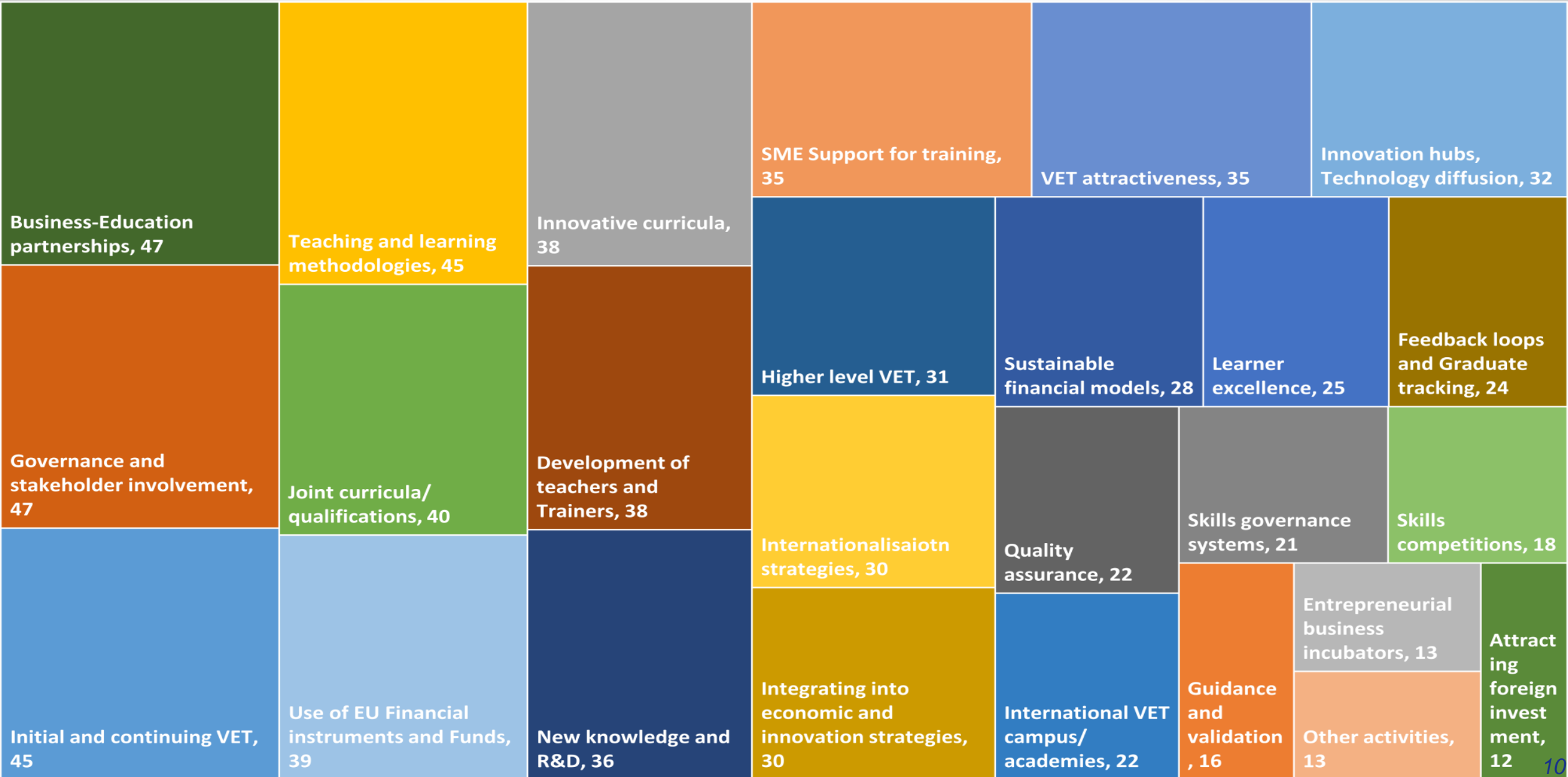
➤ 52 countries and 1.296 organisations involved.

➤ More than 130 non-EU organisations from all over the world including Canada, Kenya, Singapore, Tunisia, Uganda and US

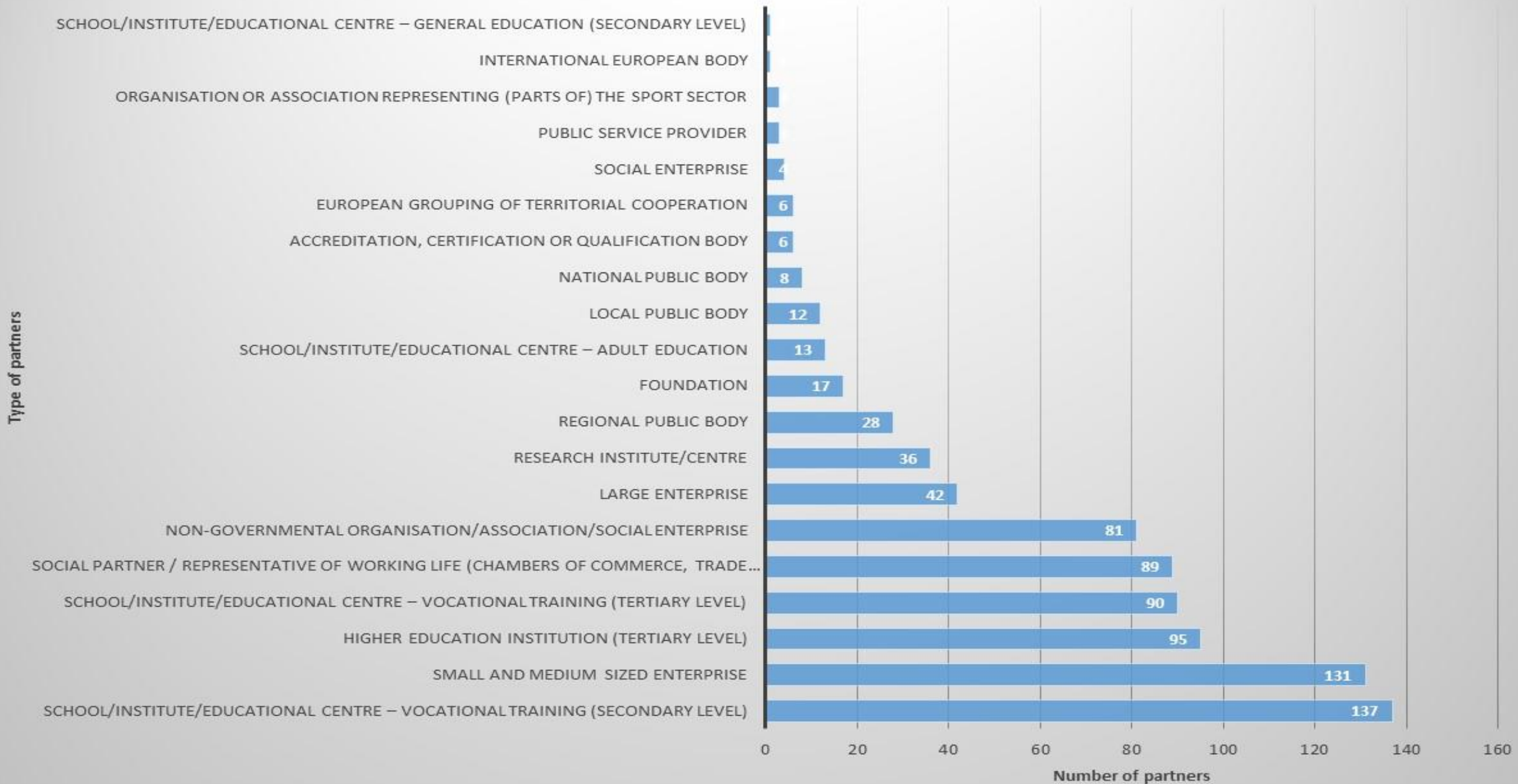


Erasmus+ 2020 Call for Centres of Vocational Excellence

Main activities developed by projects



Type of full partners in all project applications





Erasmus+ funding 2021-2027

- €400 million for 100 Platforms of Centres of Vocational Excellence
- Project duration 4 years, with €4 million for each project
- Partners (with EU funding) can be from **any country in the world...** but non-programme partners must bring "an essential added value to the project"
- **Next steps:**
 - Publication of the Erasmus+ call (on 25 March 2021). Deadline for applications 7 September 2021
 - Information session organized by DGEMPL and EACEA (30 April 2021)
 - Establishment of "**Community of Practice**" 21-22 June 2021
 - CoVE Support services
 - CoVE featuring at Online Educa Berlin (OEB), 1-3 December 2021

More information



Europa Website on CoVE:

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/vocational-excellence>

Online information meeting:

<https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/information-session-on-the-2021-erasmus-call-for-centres-of-vocational-excellence>



**ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON
THE 2021 ERASMUS+ CALL
ON CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE (COVE)**

30 APRIL 2021

09:30 — 12:30 (CET)

