

Development and management of the alumni community platform

POLICY DEVELOPMENT**PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE** **CYPRUS**

Timeline

2022 Implementation**2023 Implementation****2024 Implementation****ID number 44702**

Background

The Department of Secondary Technical and Vocational Education and Training (STVET) of the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth (MESY) is in the process of upgrading its infrastructure and using digitalised services to improve communication between VET graduates.

Objectives

To bring former students together, in order to maintain links with their school and fellow graduates through an online community platform.

Description

The online alumni community platform is a network of graduates from all the pathways offered by the Department of Secondary Technical and Vocational Education and Training. It will give VET graduates the opportunity to stay engaged with the department. Through networking and professional development opportunities, graduates will participate in and benefit from career insights and advice from other alumni and career professionals. Alumni can benefit from continuing education opportunities, career support and building stronger social networks. The Department of STVET can benefit from increased alumni connection to their programmes of study and more networking opportunities. The platform will give the opportunity to graduates to exchange messages, upload career and professional development opportunities, participate in teams and discuss topics of interest. The administrator will have the opportunity to inform users about vocational education and training events, create polls, and other relevant actions.

By registering on the VET-Employers' Matching Platform, users will also have access to the Alumni Community Platform.

2022 Implementation

In 2022, a contract was signed with an external contractor for the development of the platform and the design of the platform started.

2023 Implementation

By the end of 2023, 70% of the contract's content had been implemented (Treasury - Public Procurement Directorate, 2021): Project delivery - Installation - Staff training.

2024 Implementation

In 2024, the final phase of the contract began, which involves providing technical support for the platform's first year of operation.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth (MESY)

Target group

Learners

Adult learners
Unemployed and jobseekers

Entities providing VET

Companies
Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

Other

Graduates from all the pathways offered by the Department of Secondary Technical and Vocational Education and Training

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Establishing and developing skills intelligence systems

Modernising VET infrastructure

Improving digital infrastructure of VET provision

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Financial and non-financial incentives to learners, providers and companies
Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness in education and training

European priorities in VET

VET Recommendation

VET agile in adapting to labour market challenges

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

Related policy developments

2024 Implementation

Further development of technical and vocational education and training

In 2014, the Department of Secondary Technical and Vocational Education and Training (STVET) started implementing the project Further development of technical and vocational education and training (under programming period 2014-20).

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Type of development

Strategy/Action plan

Subsystem

IVET CVET

2024 Implementation

VET - employers' matching platform

The 2015-20 strategic plan for technical and vocational education and training aims to set up a national monitoring system of initial vocational education and training (IVET) and continuing vocational education and training (CVET) graduates, to inform the upgrading of the VET system.

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Type of development

Practical measure/Initiative

Subsystem

IVET CVET

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