

# 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

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## 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).



##### 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.



##### Type of development

Practical measure/Initiative

##### Subsystem

IVET CVET

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