

Green entrepreneurial funding pool for youth education, 2021-23

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 DENMARK

Timeline

2021 **Approved/Agreed** 2022 **Implementation** 2023 **Implementation**

2024 **Completed**

ID number 41063

Background

The government and the support parties set out the following in their post-election memorandum of understanding (2019):

'The world market for green conversion is only getting bigger. To achieve the goal of limiting temperature rises, the world community must invest a staggering EUR12 000 billion (DKK 90 000 billion) in green conversion over the next eleven years. One of the initiatives is to build three green sustainable VET schools. This is a unique opportunity for the Danish business community and must be exploited. Denmark must be known as a country of green entrepreneurship.'

Objectives

The pool in question aims to strengthen youth education work with green entrepreneurship. The pool must support youth education being prioritised in the green agenda.

Description

An average of EUR 1.33 million (DKK 10 million) is planned to be available for distribution each year from 2021-23. The Ministry of Children and Education is responsible for distributing the funds for supporting courses and action learning activities for teachers and trainers. The aim is to enhance knowledge on green entrepreneurship and contribute to green development.

All youth institutions, including VET, can apply to the pool for funding on projects that aim to support and strengthen student learning outcomes in green development and sustainability. The pool's target group is students in general and vocational secondary education. The initiative is relevant to other initiatives having the same goal.

2021 **Approved/Agreed**

The Parliament approved the funding in 2021.

2022 Implementation

In 2022, EUR 1.35 million (DKK 10 million) was allocated. By the end of 2022 the amount of EUR 0.94 million (DKK 7 million) was activated in 15 different projects.

The funding was allocated to projects in co-operation with green entrepreneurs. Projects typically consist of the development of training programmes and/or courses at universities and possibly other higher education institutions that research/work in the field of green entrepreneurship. Other training programmes are based on company visits, where students are allowed familiarise themselves with the working environment.

2023 Implementation

In 2023, EUR 1.4 million (DKK 10.7 million) was allocated. By the end of 2023, the full amount was activated in 18 different projects. All approved providers of upper secondary education and vocational education (the legal entity/main school) could apply for funding from the pool. It was possible for a school to apply for funding for multiple projects within the scope of the pool, but it was a requirement that the applicant collaborates with one or more companies, higher education institutions or interest organisations that have knowledge and experience in green entrepreneurship.

2024 Completed

The green entrepreneurship pool for youth education was not renewed for 2024.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Children and Education

Target group

Learners

Learners in upper secondary, including apprentices
Young people (15-29 years old)

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Coordinating VET and other policies

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Acquiring key competences

Integrating green transition and sustainability in VET curricula and programmes

European priorities in VET

VET Recommendation

VET as a driver for innovation and growth preparing for digital and green transitions and occupations in high demand

Osnabrück Declaration

Subsystem

IVET

Further reading

[Guidelines to the green entrepreneurial pool for youth education 2023](#)

[Overview of grant recipients](#)

Related policy developments

2024 **Implementation**

Education efforts for green transition

The initiative supports:

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Type of development

Strategy/Action
plan

Subsystem

IVET CVET

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