

VET programme for adults: EUV

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 DENMARK

Timeline

2015 Implementation	2016 Implementation	2017 Implementation
2018 Implementation	2019 Implementation	2020 Implementation
2021 Implementation	2022 Implementation	2023 Implementation
2024 Implementation	2025 Implementation	

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Background

The adult vocational programmes (EUV-erhvervsuddannelse for voksne) were introduced in the 2015 reform of VET.

Objectives

The objective of this initiative is to give adults the opportunity to obtain a VET education based on a combination of prior learning, work experience and a VET programme.

Description

EUV is a VET programme for adults (aged 25+) that builds on the work experience and prior learning the adult already possesses. EUV was introduced in the 2015 reform. EUV gives adults with at least two years of relevant work experience the option to take part in VET-equivalent education without having to follow a basic programme or undertake an internship. The programme is State-funded, costing EUR 3.49 million (DKK 26 million) in 2015 and EUR 9.39 million (DKK 70 million) in 2016. From 2017, the annual costs were estimated to be EUR 4.83 million (DKK 36 million).

2015 Implementation

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2019 Implementation

This initiative was being implemented and developed.

2020 Implementation

This initiative was still under implementation and development in 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no changes, but continued implementation, were observed.

2021 Implementation

Due to Covid-19, activities in this field have been limited.

2022 Implementation

To ensure stability of the EUV programme framework, the government and the social partners agreed on a one-year extension of the Tripartite agreement on better and more flexible continuing vocational education (2018-21/22), to be valid until 2023.

2023 Implementation

In the fall of 2023, the Danish government and parties from the labour market signed a new tripartite agreement aiming to ensure that the workforce is equipped for the future and the needs of the labour market through long-term investments in adult, continuing and further education. The agreement allocates DKK 360 million annually for a lasting boost to continuing and further education efforts in Denmark. The agreement also describes several initiatives in the higher VEU area. It is an extension of the 2017 Tripartite agreement on better and more flexible continuing vocational education and its extensions.

2024 Implementation

The initiative was operational and ran as regular practice

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Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Children and Education

Target group

Learners

Adult learners

Thematic categories

Transparency and portability of VET skills and qualifications

Learners' possibilities of accumulation, validation and recognition of learning outcomes acquired non-formally and informally

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Permeability between IVET and CVET and general and vocational pathways, academic and professional higher education

European priorities in VET

VET Recommendation

Flexibility and progression opportunities at the core of VET

Osnabrück Declaration

Resilience and excellence through quality, inclusive and flexible VET

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[Ministry of Children and Education: VET programme for adults](#)

Related policy developments

2025 Implementation

Tripartite agreement on better and more flexible continuing vocational education

The Tripartite agreement on better and more flexible continuing vocational education was approved in 2017 and implementation started in 2018. The agreement had initially a lifespan until 2021. The main aspects of the agreement are as follows.

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CVET

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