

Reforming the provision of vocational education

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 BELGIUM-FR

Timeline



ID number 28024

Background

Reforming the provision of vocational education addresses the need for a coherent approach to ensure the vocational education offer is aligned with labour market needs.

Objectives

Analyse the offer of vocational education, anticipate future needs and contribute to educational policy on vocational education.

Description

The Observatory on Vocational and Qualifying Education, Trades and Technologies was created on 6 June 2018. As provided by the Pact for excellence in education, the observatory is part of the new governance framework for vocational education (nationally referred to as qualifying education). It is expected to contribute to the new governance framework through:

- (a) developing - with the support of the 10 local VET committees (*Bassins*), tools and indicators for analysing the supply of vocational education in schools of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation and the labour market developments, including the anticipation of technological, societal, demographic and economic changes that affect the labour market;
- (b) developing a business watch and a strategic vision for improving the matching of supply of vocational education with the labour market skill demand of companies and SMEs, which should be in particular based on the work of the Walloon Office for Vocational Training and Placement (Forem) and Brussels public employment service (Actiris);
- (c) based on this work, supporting the new governance and decision-making, which will aim at better matching VET offer and skills demand on the labour market.

2019 Implementation

In 2019, tools and indicators for analysing the supply of VET in schools of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation were developed, e.g. Register of regular secondary qualification and vocational education, Register of secondary qualification and vocational education for learners with special education needs.

2020 Implementation

In 2020, further implementation of the tools and indicators for analysing the VET supply in schools of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.

2021 Legislative process

In 2021, the body of regulations aiming at reforming the governance of the VET system entered the drafting stage. As provided by the process of the Pact for excellence in education, in-depth discussion with the education system stakeholders is taking place before draft regulations are submitted to the Government.

2022 Approved/Agreed

On the 20 July 2022, the Decree on the Vocational Education Pathway (PEQ) was adopted, which offers modular vocational training and qualification over three years. Works are still continuing on the reform of the steering processes for the provision of vocational training.

2023 Approved/Agreed

On the 22nd June 2023, the Decree on the governance of the supply of grouped basic options in full and part-time vocational and technical secondary education (nationally referred to as qualifying secondary education) was adopted. It covers the provisions and processes relating to the scheduling and closure of options, aims to improve the way in which socio-economic needs are taken into account in the provision of qualifying options, and to achieve greater coherence in the provision of vocational and technical secondary education.

2024 Implementation

In 2024, the first provisions and processes in response to the 2023 decree were implemented: development of a decision-making tool available to schools and operationalisation of the new options programming process. The procedure of development of other processes for steering provision is ongoing.

2025 Implementation

In 2025, the decision-support tool for options programming was updated. A new cycle of the reformed programming process was initiated. The operationalisation of other steering mechanisms - such as the one related to rationalisation - is already in place, and work is nearing completion on the programming process based on calls for proposals.

Bodies responsible

- Observatory on Vocational and Qualifying Education, Trades and Technology
- Ministry of the French Community

Target group

Education professionals

School leaders

Entities providing VET

Companies

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

VET providers (all kinds)

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Establishing and developing skills intelligence systems

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[Cadastre of Vocational Education](#)

Related policy developments

2025 Implementation

Learning becomes modular: Vocational education pathway (PEQ)

Following the evaluation of the CPU system, a new vocational pathway was designed in 2021. On 20 July 2022, the Government of the French Community approved the decree redrawing the learners' path in vocational education and implementing PEQ.

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Type of development

Regulation/Legislation

Subsystem

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2025 Implementation

Pact for Excellence in Education

The Pact for excellence in education was launched in January 2015, with a view to gradual implementation from 2017 to 2030. This was confirmed and reaffirmed in the Community Policy Statement covering the period 2019-24.

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Type of development

Strategy/Action
plan

Subsystem

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2017 Approved/Agreed**View.brussels: the Brussels Observatory for Employment Training**

In 2017, the Brussels Observatory for Employment changed its name and modified its missions to become view.brussels, the Brussels Observatory for Employment and Training.

View.brussels is in charge of:

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Subsystem

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