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ReferNet The European Network for VET

**A useful source of information on education
and training systems**

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About ReferNet

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The screenshot shows the Cedefop website interface. At the top, it says 'CEDEFOP European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training'. Below this, there are navigation links and a search bar. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Cedefop by theme:** A list of topics including 'Identifying skills needs', 'Understanding qualifications', 'Analysing policy', and 'Developing lifelong learning'.
- Highlights:** A featured article titled 'Migrants, minorities and the skills mismatch' with a brief summary.
- Featured news:** Two news items: 'Green Paper Modernising the Professional Qualifications Directive' and 'Study Visits Programme launches new call for applications'.
- Forthcoming events:** Two events: '6th BIBB Vocational Education and Training Congress 2011' and 'Learning later in life – uncovering the potential of investing in an ageing workforce'.
- Statistics of the month:** A section titled 'Ageing IVET teachers' with a bar chart showing data from 2006 to 2008.
- Featured publication:** A publication titled 'Lifelong guidance across Europe: reviewing policy progress and future prospects'.
- Social media:** Links to visit on Facebook and follow on Twitter.
- Logos:** Logos for 'vET IN EUROPE Country reports', 'CEDEFOP REFERNET THE EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR VET', and 'The role of the Social Partners in implementing'.

A red circle highlights the 'REFERNET' logo in the bottom right corner, and a red arrow points to it from below.

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Why should you be interested in ReferNet?

Whenever you need information on national and European VET issues, you can easily access a wealth of reports, publications and other sources of information:

- [National VET policy reports](#) – provide information on progress in VET policy at national level. These reports are one of the main sources for the comparative Cedefop Policy Report, which monitors progress in modernising VET systems in Europe.
- [National research reports](#) – update you on most recent national VET research. Based on these reports, Cedefop publishes European research overviews on issues of cross-national interest, e.g. on the benefits of VET or labour market transitions.
- [VET in Europe country reports](#) – Cedefop’s database provides descriptions of national VET systems in all partner countries and helps you select information on any aspect of VET: policy developments, allocation of VET programmes, the impact of the crisis on VET.
- [Short descriptions of national VET systems](#) – provide you with the most up-to-date overview of the VET system in the country holding the EU Presidency. To make them easily accessible to more readers, we offer them in several European languages.
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VET in Europe - Country reports

Compare and learn more about the European national VET systems

VET in Europe - Country reports are a product of the VET in Europe project and review vocational education and training systems existing in Member States, Iceland and Norway. They are prepared and updated by ReferNet, according to a common structure provided by Cedefop.

Why VET in Europe - Country reports are of value?

Understanding national VET systems, their characteristics, developments and priorities is a key element in different levels of the VET coordination and development process. It may also bring additional ideas and examples of good practice. Visiting the database and downloading the country reports is highly recommended for policy-makers, researchers and practitioners involved in VET activities, including conferences, seminars or projects.

Latest VET in Europe - Country reports

Latest updated information can be downloaded by country in pdf format or viewed by theme in html format. Previous overviews are also available and can be accessed by country in pdf format.

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Latvia	Lithuania	Netherlands	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania
Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	United Kingdom			

Access to the country report in pdf format

VET in Europe – Country reports

- Online database
- Access by theme and sub-theme for selected countries
- Comparisons between countries possible

STEP 1: Select a theme or select directly a country to see all themes

THEMES

- ▶ General context – framework for the knowledge society
- ▶ Policy development - objectives, frameworks, mechanisms, priorities
- ▶ VET in times of crisis
- ▶ Historical background, Legislative and Institutional framework
- ▶ Initial vocational education and training
- ▶ Continuing vocational education and training for adults
- ▶ Training VET teachers and trainers
- ▶ Matching VET provision (skills) with labour market needs (jobs)
- ▶ Guidance and counselling for learning, career and employment
- ▶ Financing: investment in human resources
- ▶ National VET statistics - allocation of programmes
- ▶ Authors, sources, bibliography, acronyms and abbreviations

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National news: Information on developments and new initiatives related to VET policy

- Articles focusing on:
- implementation of EU tools,
 - skill needs,
 - green skills,
 - analysis of policy changes' effects,
 - guidance,
 - CVET and
 - adult learning.

Each issue of Cedefop newsletter includes one article from each ReferNet regional group (3).

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The main content area is titled 'ReferNet - National news on VET' and includes an RSS icon. Below the title, there are three news items:

- Netherlands - Youth unemployment in the Netherlands lowest in the European Union**
In the first quarter of 2011, the youth unemployment rate in the Netherlands was 7.4 %, i.e. lower than in all other Member States of the European Union (EU).
05/08/2011
- Latvia - Lithuania cross border cooperation project on lifelong learning**
A bilateral project called '5L – Enhancement of Lifelong Learning Cross-Border Capacity' (No. LLII-102) was initiated in January 2010 and concluded with the final conference on 3 June 2011. The abbreviation '5L' means 'Lifelong Learning in Latvia and Lithuania'.
05/08/2011
- Netherlands - More students in higher education**
A growing part of 18 to 25-year-olds embark on a study in higher vocational education (hbo) or university (wo).
05/08/2011
- Italy - The new higher technical institutes: linking VET, higher education and the labour market**
Improving the standing of vocational and technical education and devising ways to link vocational education and training (VET) and higher education in Europe has been a major concern since the early 2000s. Indeed, education, training and lifelong learning play a key role in the achievement of the priorities of the Lisbon

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National contacts

Austria
 IBW - Institut für Bildungsforschung der Wirtschaft
 Ms Sabine Tritscher-Archan
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Belgium
 VDAB - Vlaamse Dienst voor Arbeidsbemiddeling en Beroepsopsporing
 Mr Reinald Van Weydeveldt
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Bulgaria
 HRDC - Human Resource Development Centre
 Ms Nataliya Kalendarova
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Cyprus
 HRDA - Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus
 Ms Yianna Korelli
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Czech Republic
 NVF - National Observatory of Employment and Training
 Ms Vera Czesana
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Denmark
 Danish Agency for International Education
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Glossar: Qualität in der allgemeinen und beru... Thursday, 10:17 AM
 In dieser Publikation sind wichtige Begriffe zum Thema Qualität in der Bildung gelistet. Ausgehend vom Englischen werden diese Begriffe ins Deutsche und Französische übersetzt und erklärt. Das Glossar ist [hier](#) erhältlich. In diesem Zusammenhang möchten wir auch auf die Liste der „Schlüsselbegriffe DE-EN“ aufmerksam machen, die wir für ReferNet-Übersetzungen verwenden. [Read more...](#)

Cedefop VET-Alert - September 2011 Sep 5, 4:07 PM
 Die aktuelle Ausgabe steht [hier](#) zur Verfügung. [Read more...](#)

Infoabend für den Master-Lehrgang "Bildungs- u... Sep 5, 4:05 PM
 Das Forschungsinstitut abif und die Kirchliche Pädagogische Hochschule Wien/Krems laden zu einem kostenlosen Infoabend für den Master-Lehrgang "Bildungs- und Berufsberatung" der Donau-Universität-Krems ein, der im Oktober 2011 erstmals startet.
 Der Lehrgang soll Bildungs- und BerufsberaterInnen ansprechen, die bereits über Berufserfahrung als Bildungs- und BerufsberaterInnen verfügen und an einem Master-Abschluss interessiert sind.
 Wann: 15.9.2011, 18.00-20.00
 Wo: abif, Einwanggasse 12/5, 1140 Wien (U4-Bahnstation Hietzing oder S45 Penzing)
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 Online-Info der Donau-Universität-Krems zum Lehrgang finden Sie [hier](#).

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