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Vocational education and training in Europe beyond 2020

In recent years, European countries have been working ever more closely together in vocational education and training (VET) against a backdrop of uncertainties linked to globalisation, digitisation, migration and the transition to a greener economy. In this context, Cedefop is looking further ahead at the main trends in education and training to stimulate debate on European VET cooperation beyond 2020.

According to Cedefop's [new briefing note](#), there is reason to believe that VET will expand and diversify across Europe in the coming years. Current trends include the development of more practice-oriented and work-related learning formats, across all types of education, vocational and general. In parallel, vocationally-oriented education and training is expanding to higher and lower education levels than the traditional intermediate. These developments in turn entail a risk of growing fragmentation of VET provision.

This is why policy-makers and practitioners need to engage in a broad discussion on the best cooperation and learning approaches to secure sustainability and accessibility of future VET provision. More than ever, VET's future is inseparable from the future of work.

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