



TRAINEESHIPS 2026

DEPARTMENT FOR VET AND QUALIFICATIONS (DVQ) PROJECT 'QUALIFICATIONS AND CREDENTIALS'

Ready to kick-start your career in an international environment?

Cedefop, the EU agency based in Thessaloniki, offers **10-month traineeships** starting on **1 October 2026**.

Apply by Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 13:00 Greek time (CET+1).

WHAT ARE THE SELECTION REQUIREMENTS?

ELIGIBILITY:

You must fulfil all the following requirements on the closing date for applications:

- Be national of the Member States of the European Union or be EFTA citizens.
- Have successfully completed a post-secondary education of at least 3 years (minimum EQF 6 level): this includes Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, PhD, or equivalent qualifications; obtained within 3 years by the closing date for applications.
- Have at least C1 level of English.
- Have not already benefited from any kind of traineeship or employment (formal or informal, paid or unpaid) within a European institution or body for more than 6 weeks.

ESSENTIAL PRESELECTION CRITERIA:

- One of the qualifications above related to education or social sciences.
- Digital literacy.

DESIRABLE:

- Good knowledge of methods and practical experience in desk research and drafting research outcomes.
- Experience in preparing thematic information/reports and short analytical extracts (preferably related to comparative education/vocational education/education policy).
- Experience in qualitative and quantitative data analysis.
- Experience in searching online content, using online thematic bibliographies.
- Experience in supporting online events/workshops.
- Experience in teamwork.
- Ability to show great attention to detail.
- Experience in working with content management systems.

IS THIS TRAINEESHIP FOR YOU?

We offer you a unique opportunity to join our team and contribute to our projects, with the support and guidance of a dedicated supervisor throughout your traineeship.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The changing nature of [qualifications and credentials](#), based on [learning outcomes](#), directly affects individuals' opportunities to progress in learning and employment. In 2026-2027, Cedefop seeks to advance research on [the comparison and recognition of VET qualifications](#) and learning outcomes, with a particular focus on developing a methodology for recognising foreign qualifications for the purposes of employment and further learning. Complementing this work, a learning outcomes online tool is being developed to provide practical guidance and examples on how to define and apply learning outcomes for different purposes and users. Cedefop is also researching [microcredentials](#) emerging outside formal education and training systems, focusing on specific labour market sectors and independent initiatives of companies and professional bodies.

MAIN DUTIES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES:

You will work on Qualifications and Credentials team's activities, with a focus on two thematic areas, recognition and learning outcomes:

- Support the research work on comparison/recognition of VET qualifications as well as learning outcomes and microcredentials in different EU countries.
- Support the collection, analysis and synthesis of qualitative and quantitative information.
- Contribute to the development of a learning outcomes online tool and organisation of workshops/events.

Expected learning outcomes:

- Good understanding of the profile and recognition of VET qualifications and microcredentials in EU Member States.
- Experience in customising/drafting/editing information for different target groups.
- Teamwork skills in a multicultural and multidisciplinary environment.