



Call for Proposals

ReferNet Partnership Forum – Budapest 2026, 18–19 March 2026 Budapest, Hungary

We are pleased to announce the first ReferNet Partnership Forum of 2026, which will take place on **18 and 19 March** in **Budapest, Hungary**, hosted in cooperation with the **Innovative Training Support Centre (IKK)**, home of the ReferNet Hungary team.

This Forum will bring together ReferNet members from across Europe to explore and exchange on key developments in **vocational education and training (VET), skills, and qualifications**. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in thematic discussions, learn from recent national experiences, and also gain a deeper understanding of the **Hungarian VET system**.

With the aim of shaping an agenda that reflects your interests and encourages active engagement across the network, we invite you to submit proposals, and we welcome **individual or joint contributions**. We encourage formats that promote dialogue, experience sharing, and mutual learning for short presentations, discussion contributions, or interactive formats addressing - **but not limited to** - the following themes:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) in VET, what is new? What is different?
 - a. Are there any distinctive traits of AI in VET? Is AIVET the same with general AI?
 - b. Mapping recent developments of AI in VET (pedagogical use, AI tutors, adaptive learning, early-warning systems, support to teachers, assessment, etc.)
 - c. How changes in jobs driven by AI are translated into VET curricula and programmes
 - d. Good practices in the use of AI in VET: concrete country or institutional cases of AI tools improving teaching and learning, assessment or school - company cooperation in VET.
2. Supportive VET: inclusivity, equal opportunities and peer support.
 - a. Non-digital strategies and initiatives that promote inclusive VET (e.g. mentoring, guidance, targeted support, cooperation with social partners).
 - b. How AI and digital technologies support or hinder inclusion, equal opportunities and participation of disadvantaged learners in VET.

The AI-related theme of the Budapest Forum aims to contribute to the 2026 ReferNet activity '*Responsible AI in VET: Ethical Use, Bias and Inclusion in Vocational Education and Training*' while potential contributions can also be considered for submission to the Cedefop call for papers on [Harnessing Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technologies for Inclusive and Resilient Vocational Education and Training \(VET\)](#).

How to Submit Your Proposal

Please send your proposals to: ReferNet@cedefop.europa.eu including:

- The title of your contribution and name(s) and institution(s) of presenter(s)
- Preferred presentation or session format (e.g., presentation, panel, workshop)

Deadline for submissions: Monday, 23 February 2026

We look forward to your contributions and to shaping a dynamic and engaging agenda **together** for the Budapest Forum. Thank you for your continued commitment to the ReferNet network!