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Economics VET Centre, 1074 Budapest, Dohány utca 65, Hungary
(Budapesti Gazdasági Szakképzési Centrum)

Programme

DAY 1 – Wednesday 18 March 2026 (all times are CET)

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| 09.30 – 10.00 | Participant arrival and registration |
| 10:00 – 10.15 <i>Meeting room</i> | Welcome and opening Chair: Eva Mező Zádori, <i>ReferNet Coordinator Hungary</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Gergely Pálmai, <i>Deputy State Secretary for VET and National Representative for ReferNet</i>Ioannis Katsikis, <i>ReferNet Coordinator, Cedefop</i> |
| 10.15 – 10.45 | Session 1. Presentation of Hungary and the Hungarian VET system <ul style="list-style-type: none">Katalin Zoltán, <i>Ministry of Culture and Innovation</i> |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | Session 2. Introduction of IKK Innovative Training Support Center <ul style="list-style-type: none">Eva Mezo Zadori, <i>Coordinator, ReferNet Hungary, IKK</i> |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Session 3. Graduate tracking system in Hungary <ul style="list-style-type: none">Zoltán Nagy, <i>Deputy president, NOVETAL</i> |





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| <p>11.30 – 12.00</p> | <p>Session 4. The role of dual training partners in innovative and experience-based career guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ László Piacsek, Pécs-Baranya Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Swiss–Hungarian Cooperation Programme II – VET programme in Hungary) |
| <p>12.00 – 12.30</p> | <p>Light lunch</p> |
| <p>12.30 – 13.30 <i>Meeting room</i></p> | <p>Session 5. Inclusion - peer mentoring - community building</p> <p>Chair: Eva Mezo Zadori, <i>coordinator, ReferNet Hungary, IKK</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adam Flieber, <i>Piarist Kilátó Career Guidance and Labor Market Development, Methodological Center</i> <p>Equal Opportunities and Inclusion in Training plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Frederic Romano, <i>Executive Member, ReferNet Belgium, Brussels Formation</i> |
| <p>13.30 – 13.45</p> | <p>Coffee break</p> |
| <p>13.45 – 15.30 <i>Meeting room</i></p> | <p>Session 6. Artificial intelligence in VET – open discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Veronika Leiner, <i>Expert, Cedefop</i></p> <p>Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eva Toth, <i>IKK Nonprofit Plc</i> <p>Teaching and learning with AI in VET in Croatia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sandra Dobric, <i>Executive Member, ReferNet Croatia, AVETAE</i> <p>AI in Mentoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Petya Evtimova, <i>Coordinator ReferNet Bulgaria, Modern Education Foundation</i> |
| <p>15:30 - 16:00</p> | <p>Session 7. Updates on ReferNet & Close of the first day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ioannis Katsikis, <i>ReferNet Coordinator, Cedefop</i> ▪ Eva Mezo Zadori, <i>Coordinator, ReferNet Hungary, IKK</i> |



DAY 2 – Thursday 19 March 2026 (all times are CET)

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| 09.00 – 10.00 | Participant arrival 1146 Budapest, Thököly út 48-54 |
| 10:00 – 13.00 | Study visit to VET institution Petrik Lajos Technikum https://petrik.hu/ |
| | <p>The Petrik Lajos Technikum is one of Budapest's oldest and most prestigious vocational schools, founded in 1879 and named after chemist, educator and mountaineer Lajos Petrik. For over 140 years, the school has combined strong academic foundations with high-level vocational training, consistently ranking among Hungary's top vocational institutions.</p> <p>Students typically begin their studies at the age of 14–15 and finish at the age of 19-20. The school also offers adult education and post-secondary vocational training programmes. Originally renowned for training chemical industry specialists, Petrik has expanded its profile to include environmental protection, IT education (software development and network administration), and related technical fields. The school works closely with major multinational companies, supplying highly qualified professionals to Hungary's chemical and digital industries.</p> |
| 10:00–10:30 | School introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Eva Toth, IKK Nonprofit Plc</i> ▪ Q&A with the Deputy Headteacher |
| 10:40–11:10 | Presentation of Erasmus projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adam Szolnok, Deputy Headteacher |
| 11:20–13:00 | Guided tour in the school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visit to the chemistry and IT laboratories |
| 13:00 | End of the study visit and close of the event |

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