



## 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 **VET, skills, and qualifications**. Participants will engage in thematic discussions, learn from national experiences, and 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 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 distinctive traits of AI in VET? Is AIVET the same with general AIED?
  - 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.
  - e. The impact of the European AI Act on your national VET system (e.g. administration, design, governance, legal aspects)?
  - f. Is the focus of the AI in VET activity as outlined in the 2026 Work Programme to be appropriate? and would you propose any extensions, additions, or clarifications to certain points?
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](mailto: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** Extension to: Friday, 06 March 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!