



# AGENDA

**2022** 15 TO 16  
**NOVEMBER**  
**FORUM** ON VOCATIONAL  
EXCELLENCE

**GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR  
VOCATIONAL SKILLS**

SAN SEBASTIAN, BASQUE COUNTRY, SPAIN



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**MONDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2022**

**All day** Arrival of participants

**19:00 to 21:30** Light reception dinner for participants at **TABAKALERA**

### DAY • 1

**TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2022**

**08:00 to 09:00** Arrival and registration to the event at **TABAKALERA**

**09:00 to 9:40** Opening session

- Welcome by Jokin Bildarratz, Minister of Education of the Basque Government
- Ilana Cicurel, European Parliament, Member of the Committee on Culture and Education
- Pilar Alegría, Minister of Education and Vocational Education and Training of the Spanish Ministry of Education (TBC)
- Iñigo Urkullu, Lehendakari of the Basque Government
- Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs of the European Commission

**09:40** The Basque Vocational Education and Training model of excellence in a new global order

- Jokin Bildarratz, Minister of Education, Basque Government, and
- Jorge Arévalo, Vice-Minister of Vocational Education and Training, Basque Government

**10:00** Personal perspectives on Vocational excellence

**10:15** Practitioners' perspective on Vocational excellence

- Representatives from EU VET organisations at upper secondary and post-secondary level and a representative from a Global VET organisation

**10:30** Coffee break

**11:00** Understanding the future and shaping VET policy

- Representatives from Employers (preference for SME), Trade unions, Cedefop (EU focus), an ETF partner country, and VET learners/apprentice



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### 11:30 Skills for the future

- Representatives from OECD, ILO, UNESCO-UNEVOC, and EIB.

### 12:00 From policy to practise – Examples of Vocational excellence

- The Learner Centric Advanced Manufacturing Platform for CoVEs, LCAMP, Unai Ziarsolo, International Project Manager, TKNKA
- Representatives from a Erasmus+ CoVE funded project, a CoVE in a ETF partner country, and from France Campus des metiers

### 12:30 *Information on the organisation of the afternoon breakout sessions. Information on the visits to the Basque VET Centres and Tknika on the morning of 16 November*

### 12:00 LUNCH

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### 14:00 First round of parallel sessions

- Room 1: Skills for Smart specialisation and industrial clusters
- Room 2: CoVEs for Lifelong Learning
- Room 3: Experiential learning

### 15:00 *Coffee break, with networking opportunities for exploring partnerships and collaboration. Participants move to next meeting rooms for breakout sessions*

### 15:30 Second round of parallel sessions

- Room 1: Applied research
- Room 2: Learner and staff mobility
- Room 3: The Erasmus+ calls for CoVEs, and matchmaking

### 16:30 *Coffee break, with networking opportunities for exploring partnerships and collaboration. Participants move to next meeting rooms for breakout sessions*

### 17:00 Third round parallel sessions

- Room 1: Vocational Excellence for Social Inclusion
- Room 2: Public-private partnerships: The key success factors
- Room 3: Managing CoVE projects (sustainability and impact)

### 20:00 to 22:00 Official dinner

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WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2022

**9:00** Visits to Basque VET centres and Tknika

**12:30** Lunch at TABAKALERA

**14:00** The European Universities initiative

- European University Alliance for Dual Education, EU4DUAL, Jon Altuna, Academic Vice-Rector, Mondragon Unibertsitatea
- A CoVE project with a strong participation of Universities

**14:30** Vocational Excellence for Social Inclusion. European Training Foundation

**15:30** Coffee break

**16:00** Vocational Excellence for the Green and Digital transition

- Chiara Riondino, Head of Unit, European Commission
- Representatives from business, a CoVE project, and Cedefop

**16:30** The National Implementation Plans and Vocational Excellence

- Chiara Riondino, Head of Unit, European Commission
- Concrete country examples on how CoVEs will support national strategies for VET

**17:00** Summary of the main highlights from the parallel thematic sessions on 16 November

**17:20** Closing session

