

Toward the 5th Africa-EU Summit

Advance Knowledge & Skills

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Africa's Agenda 2063

Africa aspires to *"catalyse education and skills revolution and actively promote science, technology, research and innovation, to build knowledge, human capital, capabilities and skills required to drive innovation"*.

The objectives of Agenda 2063's *first ten year implementation plan* include:

- 100% enrolment rate for primary and secondary education;
- at least 30% of secondary school leavers go into tertiary education with at least 40% being female;
- at least 70% of secondary school students not entering tertiary education are provided with a range of options for further skills development;
- at least 70% of the public perceive quality improvements in education at all levels.

Flagships in support of the Africa-EU Partnership

 **Launch an African Youth Facility expanding the scope of Erasmus+**, through 3 separate initiatives:

1. "Youth empowerment" programme

Through capacity-building and mobility activities, this programme would allow to:

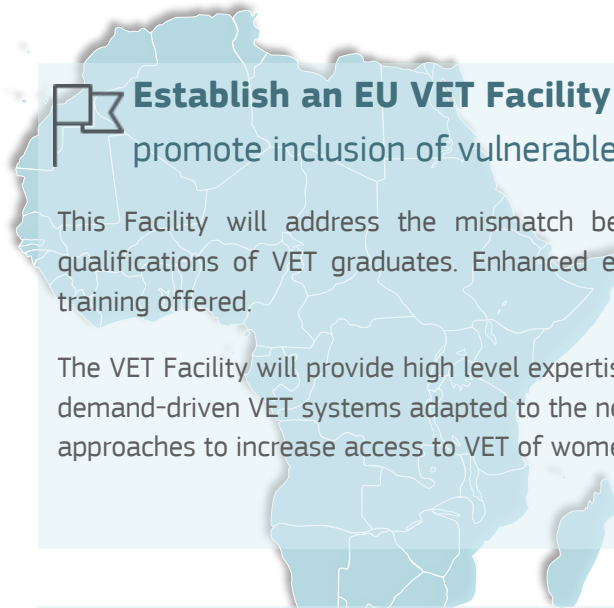
- enhance the management, governance, leadership, the innovation capacity and the internationalisation of youth organisations in African countries;
- enhance the use of digital technology and skills through activities building up the capacity and skills of young people.

2. Pilot a Vocational Education and Training mobility project aiming to:

- support learners in the acquisition of knowledge, skills and competences;
- build up international networks and raise awareness and understanding of other cultures and countries;
- increase the capacities and international opening of VET providers in Africa.

3. Reinforce the African chapter of the Erasmus+ Students and Alumni Association aiming to:

- facilitate and support participation and representation by alumni returning to their country;
- share best practices with African policy-makers in the field of education reforms;
- build up networks and leadership among young people to develop innovative and entrepreneurial skills in local communities.




Establish an EU VET Facility to strengthen the labour market relevance of VET and promote inclusion of vulnerable groups.


This Facility will address the mismatch between the needs and opportunities of the labour market and the qualifications of VET graduates. Enhanced engagement with the private sector will improve the relevance of the training offered.

The VET Facility will provide high level expertise to national stakeholders to support transition processes towards more demand-driven VET systems adapted to the need and opportunities of the labour market; the VET Facility will also pilot approaches to increase access to VET of women and disadvantaged groups.


EU & Africa: Did you know?




The EU has earmarked EUR 1.34 billion of grants funding for primary and secondary education and VET programmes in Africa for 2014-2020, in addition to EUR 375 million foreseen to support global initiatives such as the Global Partnership for Education (GPE).




African countries can now participate in the Erasmus+ programme, which supports –through development cooperation funding – the mobility of staff and students (around 8.000 mobilities until now).



The EU supports the harmonisation and an improved quality of higher education across the African continent through the 'Tuning' project which involves 120 African universities working on new degree programmes and on an African credit transfer system & the 'HAQAA' initiative which builds quality assurance and accreditation in higher education.



The European Training Foundation (ETF) has long-standing knowledge of and cooperation experience with North African countries in the areas of VET and Youth Employment, through annual investment of around 2.6 million EUR, 60% of which for Morocco and Tunisia.



The EU-Africa cooperation and dialogue on research has intensified over the recent past through various channels such as the High Level Policy Dialogue on science, technology and innovation, involving the European Commission, the African Union Commission, EU Member States and African countries; a series of capacity- building programmes in Africa; the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA); the jointly funded and governed European and Development Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP); the setting up of the Square Kilometre Array in Africa, part of a global radio-astronomy project.