

Skills for Democracy: Participation and Civic Engagement in VET

MAIN INFO

SALTO E&T link:	https://salto-et.net/events/show/AT01_0775_THO_2024		
Sector:	SE VET HE	Priority:	Participation in democratic life (2021-27)
Scope:	Transnational		
Type of presence:	Face-to-Face	Venue country:	Austria
Venue city:	Vienna	Working language:	English
Key Action:	Not applicable	TCA documents:	Skills for Democracy_Preliminary programme.pdf
Postponed:	No	E+ Academy:	No
Start date:	19.10.2025	End date:	21.10.2025
Subtopic:	mobility networking strategic partnership equal opportunities democracy		

TCA DESCRIPTION

Themes and goals:	<p>This Erasmus+ contact seminar addresses the programme priority Participation and Civic Engagement, with a strong focus on developing and applying democratic competences in Vocational Education and Training (VET). Democratic and civic skills are increasingly recognised as essential competences for both learners and educators. In line with the Council of Europe's Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC) and the Council Recommendation on promoting common values, inclusive education and the European dimension of teaching, the seminar explores how Erasmus+ can contribute to building a democratic learning culture within VET schools. The seminar is aimed at teachers & trainers from VET schools, teacher educators within a VET context, Erasmus+ coordinators, and school staff from VET schools. Around 70 participants from across Europe will come together to exchange ideas, learn from good practices, and develop new Erasmus+ project initiatives that foster active citizenship and democratic skills at school, institutional, and community levels. Participants will engage with the question: How can Erasmus+ projects help strengthen democratic culture and civic engagement in VET contexts? The seminar places particular emphasis on mobility (KA121/122) and small-scale partnership (KA210) projects. The programme includes: keynotes and practical workshop exchange of best practices and successful project examples space for developing new Erasmus+ project ideas opportunities to build and expand a European network excursions to political and European institutions in Vienna</p>
Expected results:	By the end of the seminar, participants will: have developed new project ideas

and potential partner institutions for Erasmus+ mobility (KA121, KA122) or small-scale (KA210) projects or beyond understand how to align projects with the priority of civic engagement and participation, gain practical tools and methods to promote democratic skills in their own institutions,

Additional information:

The seminar begins on Sunday, 19 October, in the late afternoon with networking activities, followed by a joint welcome dinner. Full seminar days are scheduled for Monday, 20 October and Tuesday, 21 October, concluding with a farewell dinner on Tuesday evening. Departures are planned for the morning of Wednesday, 22 October, after breakfast. Full participation throughout the seminar is expected. The Austrian National Agency will cover accommodation for three nights (19–21 October) at The Hoxton Hotel in Vienna, which is also the seminar venue. All meals and the social programme during the seminar are included.

PARTNERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Organiser NA: AT01 - OeAD nationale Agentur für Erasmus+

Number of participants: 70

Target group: School leaders, directors Teachers Trainers Education professionals

Erasmus+ Programme experience level: Newcomers and Experienced beneficiaries

Profile of participants: The seminar is aimed at teachers & trainers from VET schools, teacher educators, Erasmus+ coordinators, and school staff from VET schools who are currently involved in Erasmus+ projects and want to broaden their network and project work, or are planning to develop or join Erasmus+ mobility (KA121/122) or small-scale partnership (KA210) projects, who want to explore a thematic focus on civic engagement, participation, and democratic skills in VET in VET schools or VET-related teacher training

Participants per country: 4 - Any

Sending partner(s) - Booked places:

AT01 - -	BE02 - 4	CZ01 - 2	DE01 - 3	DE02 - 3	DK01 - 2	EL01 - 4
ES01 - 3	FI01 - 2	HR01 - 2	HU01 - 2	IE01 - 2	PL01 - 4	SK01 - 4
BE03 - 1	PT01 - 3	SE01 - 2	TR01 - 4	IT01 - 3		

Pending Sending partner application(s) - Booked places:

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Accepted Sending partner(s) - Accepted places:

AT01 - 15	BE02 - 4	CZ01 - 2	DE01 - 3	DE02 - 3	DK01 - 2	EL01 - 4
ES01 - 3	FI01 - 2	HR01 - 2	HU01 - 2	IE01 - 2	PL01 - 4	SK01 - 4
BE03 - 1	PT01 - 3	SE01 - 2	TR01 - 4	IT01 - 3		

Pending booked places: 0

Accepted places: 65

TCA PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Start date of TCA Participant Application: 05.06.2025

Application deadline: 05.09.2025

Confirmation deadline for Sending NAs: 09.09.2025

Confirmation deadline for Organiser NAs: 10.09.2025

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