



2020

Best practices of the European
VET programs in Cyprus:
Towards a sustainable social
innovation in times of pandemic

EUROPEAN **VOCATIONAL
SKILLS WEEK** 2020



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European Vocational Skills Week is an annual initiative of the European Commission to raise awareness of the benefits of vocational education and training (VET). The motto of the initiative is **Discover Your Talent!**

The theme of the campaign this year is **VET for Green and Digital Transitions**, in line with the Commission's priorities on a European Green Deal and a Europe fit for the digital age. With the coronavirus pandemic having seriously disrupted all forms of education and training, there is an opportunity to take a fresh approach to VET, making it more modern, attractive, flexible and relevant.

In 2020, the Week takes place from 9 to 13 November in Berlin (partly in-person, partly on-line). There will also be events/activities throughout the year at local, regional and national level in the 27 EU Member States, EFTA and EU candidate countries, as well as projects supported by the European Training Foundation.

These events/activities – many of them online due to COVID-19 restrictions – will showcase the immense opportunities that VET offers young people, adults, companies, and other stakeholders. Every person, regardless of age or background, has talent. VET can provide them with the practical skills, knowledge and competences they need to succeed in the job market and in society.



BEST PRACTICES OF EUROPEAN VET PROGRAMS IN CYPRUS: TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL INNOVATION IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC



The event 'Best practices of the European VET programs in Cyprus: Towards a sustainable social innovation in times of pandemic' is taking place as part of the European Vocational Skills Week 2020.

13th November 2020 | 17:30-19:00 CET | Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97187655283>

Event Organizer: Center for Social Innovation

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/642763129727287/>

- INTRO** - The Center for Social Innovation (CSI) Cyprus, within the framework of the 5th European Vocational Skills Week 2020, organizes the online event 'Best practices of the European VET programs in Cyprus: Towards a sustainable social innovation in times of pandemic'.
- TYPE OF EVENT** – Online information campaign, best practices, open discussion
- LOCATION** – Nicosia, Cyprus
- DESCRIPTION** - The aim of the event is to present the best practices of the European VET programs in Cyprus, focusing on a wide spectrum of key topics, i.e. digital health literacy, migration and social inclusion, tools for supporting family caregivers' mental health etc. The goal is to re-discover together recipes of success and create a fertile ground for the exchange of good practices, lessons learned, recommendations, and the development of fruitful synergies.
- VET promotion** - The event will focus on emerging and key VET topics, offering the opportunity to interactively re-discover recipes of success and create a fertile ground for the exchange of good practices, lessons learned, useful recommendations for sustainable programs, and the development of fruitful synergies.
- TARGET GROUP** - Adult learners, companies/employers/employees, vocational students, professional organisations, social partners, VET providers, trainers



GET INVOLVED

Social media

Use social media to spread your messages about the event

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- Post your own images, videos or key takeaways from the event/activity using **#EU Vocational Skills** and **#DiscoverYourTalent**
- Follow and interact with content from the European Vocational Skills Week channels:



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- Go live using Snapchat, Facebook Live or Instagram Stories.

Share Your Story

The European Commission would like to hear about your VET-related experiences to help build a library of stories to inspire others. You can share your story by completing the form at https://ec.europa.eu/social/vocational-skills-week/success-stories_en

- A selection of stories will be promoted across EU channels.



? WHY VET?

Discover your potential

Let VET help you discover your unique talents! VET offers a huge range of opportunities and benefits, and can open up new, unexpected possibilities for the future.

Valuable qualifications

VET will help improve your prospects, with qualifications that are valuable to employers and recognised across industries. It will improve employability and lead to high-quality jobs.

Opportunities for adult learners as well as young people

If you are an adult learner, VET offers countless opportunities to pursue an interesting, challenging career. Learning throughout life helps increase your employability, develop your personal skills and boost your social opportunities.

Real-world skills

VET opportunities are responsive to job markets and can be targeted to address skills shortages and bottlenecks. Genuine skills shortages in the EU currently range from plumbers to nursing professionals, accountants to web developers. VET can equip you with skills in these fields that increase your employability and at the same time foster wider economic growth. You can be sure the skills you learn during your VET experience will be valuable, both personally and professionally.



AGENDA

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Time	Activity
17:30 – 17:45	Introduction
17:45 – 18:00	<p>Best practices of European VET programs in Cyprus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iHeal - Up-Skilling Elders in Digital Health Literacy to prevent marginalization and exclusion • Family Caregiver Support - Strategies and Tools to promote caregivers' mental and emotional health • Volutoring - Volunteer-based tutoring for low-skilled migrants and refugees <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Speaker: Panayiota Constanti</i></p>
18:00 – 18:20	<p>Currently running EU VET programs in Cyprus - A promise for social innovation in times of crisis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WECAN - Women's Entrepreneurship CoAches training • MOTIVATE: Build up motivation, digital and language skills in migrant adults, to favor work and social inclusion <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Guest: Annita Tsolaki</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCS - Strategic Organisation Counselling using Symbols Visualization • MHM - Mental Health Matters through Restorative Art <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Guest: Georgia Nicolaou</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FENCE - Fighting gENDER bias and Contributing to gender Equity • IloTNet - Industrial Internet of Things VET Network <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Guest: Annita Eliade, Speaker: Panayiota Constanti</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CICLO - Boosting Circular Economy skills of the EU services Labor Force • ADD-freeTraining - Preventing Smoking, Alcohol and Internet addictions among children and adolescents: a family-oriented training approach for adult learners and educators <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Guest: Loukia Tsangaridou</i></p>
18:20 – 18:30	EU VET Programs in Cyprus: Important findings
18:30 – 18:50	Open discussion: Sharing best practices and personal experiences, collecting ideas and recommendations
18:50 – 19:00	Conclusions, networking, farewell



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Registration form: <https://forms.gle/FnJEmU4qb5rmqepv7>

Main Speaker

Panayiota Constanti - Senior EU Project Manager, Center for Social Innovation

Guests

Annita Tsolaki - EU Project Manager (CSI), Researcher, Trainer

Georgia Nicolaou - EU Project Manager (CSI), Researcher, Trainer

Annita Eliade - EU Project Manager (CSI), Researcher, Educator

Loukia Tsangaridou - EU Project Manager (CSI), Researcher, Educator

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