

TOWARDS A
**Global
TVET** AGENDA

Global for a for
knowledge
exchange and
innovation

UNESCO-UNEVOC



UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre for TVET

United Nations campus Bonn, Germany



- UNESCO's **specialized centre** for Technical and Vocational Education and Training
- **Supports** Member States in strengthening and upgrading their TVET systems
- **Engages** in capacity building, technical assistance, networking and knowledge exchange
- **Advocates** for improved TVET standards, quality and accessibility

History of UNESCO-UNEVOC

- 1987 UNESCO's [First International Congress on TVET](#), held in Berlin.
- 1993 UNESCO launches an international project on TVET, hosted in Berlin.
The [UNEVOC Network](#), a global network of TVET institutions, is created.
- 1999 UNESCO Member States [pass a resolution](#) to establish an international centre for TVET.
- 2000 [Host Country Agreement](#) for the establishment of the Centre, focused on:
- development of TVET tools and project implementation,
 - serving as an information clearing house.
- 2002 UNESCO-UNEVOC officially inaugurated in Bonn.

UNEVOC Network in 2025



245 UNEVOC Centres in
152 countries



66.7 million students
2 million teachers and trainers



Regional distribution of UNEVOC Centres

62 Africa
27 Arab States
62 Asia and the Pacific
55 Europe and North America
39 Latin America and Caribbean

International engagement of UNESCO-UNEVOC



Global disruptions and transitions

In 2024, **116 million people** required humanitarian assistance due to conflicts, climate change and public health emergencies.

1 in 5 young people are not in education, employment or training (NEET).

By 2030, **39% of workers'** core skills will change.



**Investing in TVET
offers a pathway to
resilience**

The green transition could create **100 million new jobs** by 2030.

63% of employers identify skills gaps as the biggest barrier to business transformation over the 2025-2030 period.

86% of employers expect AI and information processing technologies to transform their business by 2030.

Sources: International Labour Organization (ILO), UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Economic Forum (WEF)

UNESCO strategy for TVET 2022-2029: Main lines of action



Develop skills for all individuals to learn, work and live



Develop skills for inclusive and sustainable economies



Develop skills for inclusive and peaceful societies

UNEVOC in the UNESCO strategy for TVET 2022-2029



Transforming Technical and Vocational Education
and Training for successful and just transitions

UNESCO strategy 2022-2029

Education
2030



- “...through the **UNESCO-UNEVOC** International Centre, promote and support initiatives that support the development of **flexible lifelong learning pathways** for formal and informal occupations and jobs related to green skills.”
- “Through **UNESCO-UNEVOC** ..., **knowledge exchange platforms** for climate change advocacy and mutual learning will be created...”
- “UNESCO will build on the TVET country profiles ... by **UNESCO-UNEVOC** ... to create a **repository of TVET policies and strategies**, ... hosted by **UNESCO-UNEVOC**...”
- “**UNESCO-UNEVOC** ... will function as the hub of the **UNEVOC Network** and as a **resource centre** for research and innovation, knowledge-sharing and capacity development.”
- “The **UNEVOC Network** will be the key driver for mutual learning, capacity-building and **advancing international cooperation in TVET**.”

UNESCO-UNEVOC medium-term strategy 2024-2026

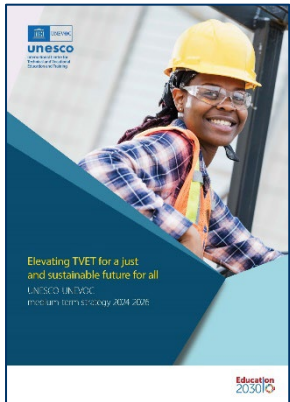


Strategic Objective 1

Strengthen capacities in Member States for a successful and just transformation of their TVET systems

Strategic Objective 2

Provide access to an active multilateral cooperation platform and a comprehensive evidence base on TVET



Thematic focus areas



Lifelong learning



Equity and inclusion



Multi-stakeholder engagement with the private sector



Green and digital transformation



Artificial intelligence



Innovation and excellence



Career guidance



Global citizenship education

UNESCO-UNEVOC flagships 2024-2026



PROVET: Promoting technical and vocational education and training



BILT: Bridging Innovation and Learning in TVET



AI Ready: analysis of the readiness of TVET institutions for the impact of artificial intelligence



UNEVOC TVET Leadership Programme



UNEVOC EDGE: Entrepreneurship, digitalization, greening and equity



UNEVOC Network Coaction Initiative



UNEVOC Reference Centres



Global Skills Academy network partnership programme



Global Awards for Innovation in TVET



UNEVOC Connect global clearinghouse on TVET

UNEVOC's impact 2024-2025



500+

Planners, managers and trainers take part in training programmes



250

Youth and new labour market entrants benefit from tailored training



2000+

TVET stakeholders engage in BILT hybrid events and learning labs



20

Companies provide employability training for learners, teachers and trainers



200+

TVET country profiles provide up-to-date data on TVET systems



3000+

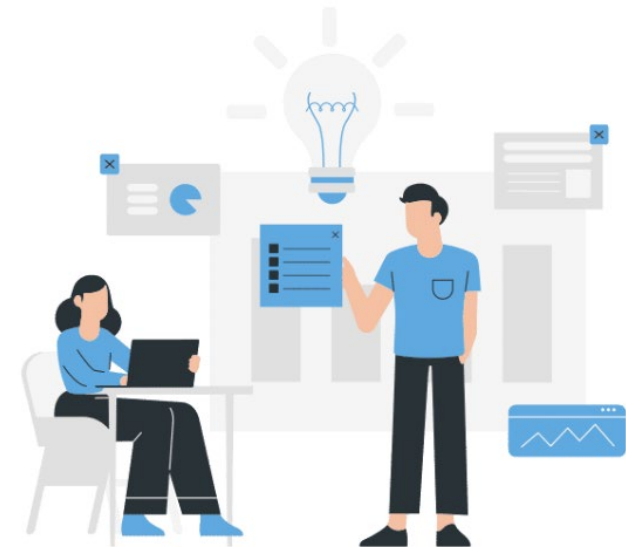
Participants join UNESCO-UNEVOC webinars and forums



Innovation and Excellence in TVET (IET) project

The project aims to:

- enhance **strategies** for **innovation and excellence in TVET** in Member States
- foster **collaboration** resulting in the active promotion of **better TVET systems**



Initiatives of the IET project

Innovation and excellence in TVET

Project funded by BIBB as part of the BMBFSFJ initiative "Towards a Global TVET agenda"

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Bridging Innovation and Learning in TVET (BILT)

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UNEVOC Network Coaction Initiatives

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UNEVOC Connect

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TVET Leadership Programme

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Global Awards for Innovation in TVET

Bridging Innovation and Learning in TVET (BILT) project

Funded by **BMBFSFJ** (previously BMBF) and supported by **BIBB** since 2019

Offers a **platform** for TVET stakeholders to engage in peer and policy learning

Priority areas



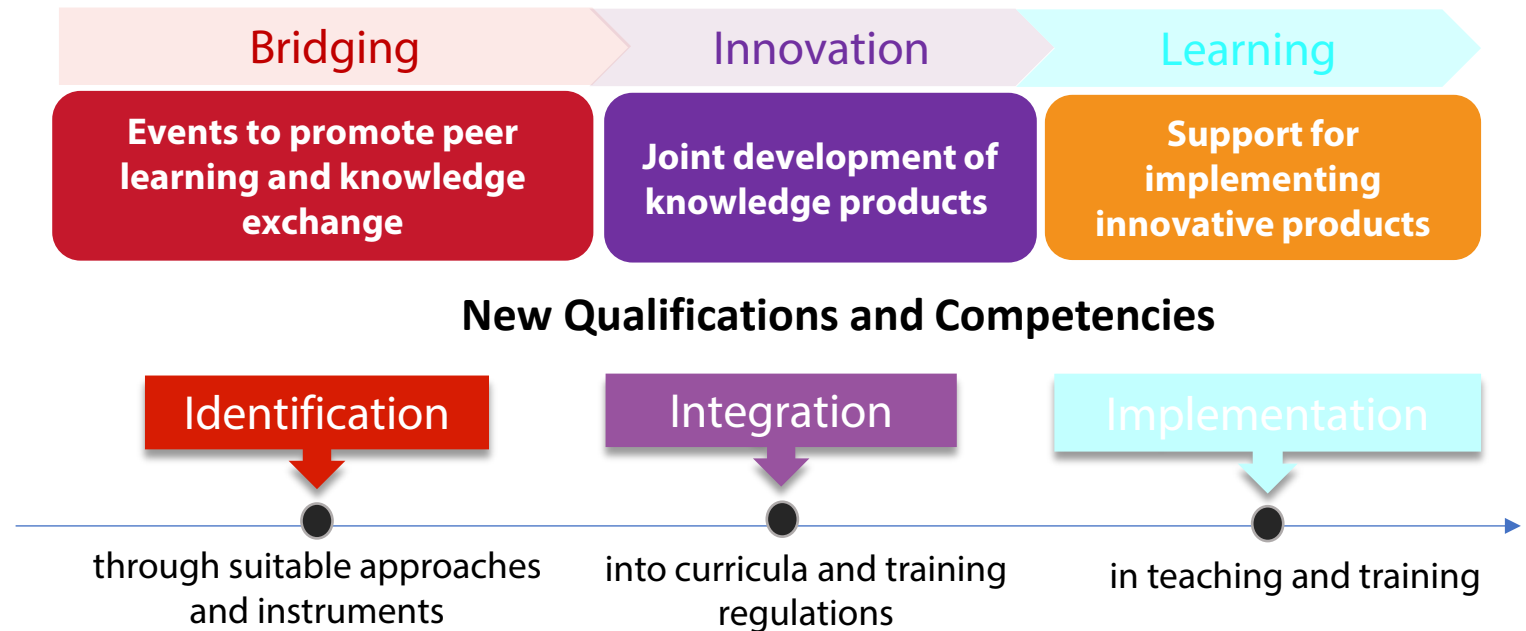
Greening



Digitalization



Entrepreneurship
Migration



A typical year for BILT - 2024

1226 TVET practitioners engaged

- 94% satisfaction rate
- 48% of participants attending more than one event

Two main bridging events

- Europe: hosted by La Cometa Società Cooperativa Sociale, Italy
- Africa: hosted by the Commission for TVET, Ghana, as part of the Africa Skills Week

6 Learning Labs

Publications

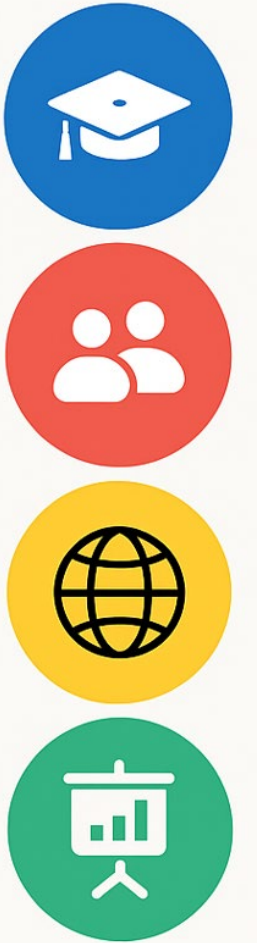
- synthesis report
- compendium of Promising Practices
- 9 Innovation and Learning Practices
- 3 BILT Atlas of emerging trends articles

24 external speaking events



New phase for BILT

- Expansion of regions
- Inclusion of **Global Citizenship Education** theme
- **In-person peer and policy learning events** including a Global TVET Forum in 2027
- **Discussion papers** developed to advance thinking on key TVET topics
- Technical inputs from **ETF, ILO** and **OECD**



UNEVOC Network Coaction Initiatives

The Coaction Initiatives facilitate **collaboration** between UNEVOC Centres to address **common challenges in TVET**

10 UNEVOC Network Coaction Initiatives will be funded by the end of the project

4 ongoing initiatives in 2025 – plans for another 2 initiatives

Topics in 2025 include:

- Innovative partnerships between TVET institutions and workplaces
- AI for skills, sustainability and training
- Strengthening dual training through private sector engagement
- Fostering regional excellence through makerspaces



UNEVOC Connect

UNEVOC Connect is an **integrated hub** for disseminating up-to-date information and resources on TVET to diverse stakeholders and communities

Online resources will be updated and expanded, including:

- TVET Country Profiles
- Innovative and Promising Practices
- TVETipedia

The **Global Skills Tracker** is hosted on the UNESCO-UNEVOC website – 15 countries will be hosted by the end of project



TVET Leadership Programme

The initiative offers **capacity building opportunities** for TVET leaders and managers

2 TVET Leadership Programmes will be organized in 2026 and 2027

50 TVET leaders and managers will be trained

10 leadership actions by TVET professionals will be supported



Global Awards for Innovation in TVET

The awards recognize and honour **outstanding achievements** in TVET.

Global Awards for Innovation in TVET will be presented in 2026 and 2027.



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