

**EDUCATION, SCHOLARSHIPS, APPRENTICESHIPS AND YOUTH  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME IN ROMANIA**

**FINANCED THROUGH THE EEA GRANTS 2014-2021**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2021**

**PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
(VET)**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

**1.1 FUNDING SOURCES:** The EEA Grants 2014-2021 and the Romanian Government

**1.2 DONOR STATES (DS):** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway

**1.3 BENEFICIARY STATE:** Romania

**1.4 PROGRAMME OPERATOR (PO):** National Agency for Community Programmes in the Field of Education and Vocational Training (Agenția Națională pentru Programe Comunitare în Domeniul Educației și Formării Profesionale, ANPCDEFP)

**1.5 DONOR PROGRAMME PARTNERS:** Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills (**HK-dir**) and The National Agency for International Education Affairs (Liechtenstein)– **AIBA**.

**1.6 SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME:** Contributing to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and strengthening the bilateral relations between the EEA states and Romania.

**1.7 GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** *Enhanced human capital and knowledge base*

**1.8 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE OF VET PROGRAMME:** Improved quality of work-based learning

**1.9 AREA OF SUPPORT:**

- *Enhanced cooperation between the VET schools and the partner companies participating in the projects*
- *Facilitated learning activities (both through mobility or virtual activities) between Romania and DS for VET training responsables (traineeships tutors in companies and VET teachers in schools)*

1. 10 PROGRAMME RESULTS FRAMEWORK could be found [here](#).

1.11. TOTAL BUDGET: 1 308 167 EURO (out of which 1 111 942 Euro from Donor States and 196 225 Euro from the national budget)

1. **PARTICULAR FEATURES OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF VET**

Please read this document in connection with the [Guideline for Applicants 2021](#), which is an official part of this Call.

2.1 BUDGET ALLOCATED TO THE CALL: 647 233 Euro

The minimum allocated grant per project is 24 000 Euro and the maximum allocated grant is 35 000 Euro.

**NOTE (for national projects):**

**A.**

• **The minimum grant will be granted if:**

- **the event (s) within the project lasts 2 days, is / are organized for a total of at least 42 participants from Romania and 2 experts / trainers or,**
- **the event within the project lasts 3 days, is / organized for a total of at least 30 participants from Romania and 2 experts / trainers.**

• **The maximum grant is granted, if:**

- **the event (s) within the project lasts 2 days, is / are organized / organized for a total of at least 60 participants from Romania and 3 national trainers and / or DS experts or,**
- **the event (s) within the project lasts 3 days, is / are organized / organized for a total of at least 48 participants from Romania and 3 national trainers and / or DS experts.**

**B.**

**For the National Projects, a selection process will be organized only if funds are available after the selection process of the Cooperation and Mobility Projects in the field of TVET is completed.**

2.2 TYPES OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED:

**Cooperation and mobility projects in the VET field**

The main objective of the projects in the VET field is to improve the quality of work-based learning for VET students for a better matchmaking of students' skills to labour

market demands by facilitating the exchange of experience between VET institutions and partner companies in Romania and similar institutions from Donor States or from Switzerland (institutions which have specific cooperation agreements with Liechtenstein), or from Beneficiary States (BS) of the program (except for Romania): Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Croatia, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Hungary. (for more details, see [Guidelines for applicants 2021](#), published on [www.eea4edu.ro](http://www.eea4edu.ro)). Alternatively, when physical mobility will not be possible by the end of the project due to Covid-19 pandemic, virtual activities can be envisaged.

**Priorities:** In the selection process, the applications submitted by: VET schools situated in rural and/or disadvantaged areas, special VET schools for pupils with special needs and VET schools enrolling Roma students amounting to at least 10% of students enrolled, **or applications that propose a study visit in one DS will be considered as a priority and they will receive bonus points (10 points for each category).**

The priority points won't be awarded unless the minimum score was achieved by the project. For more details please read the [Guideline for Applicants 2021](#).

### **National projects in VET field**

The main objective of the national projects in the field of TVET is to improve the quality of the vocational training of the students, in order to better harmonize their skills with the demands of the labor market (for more details see the [Guideline for Applicants 2021](#), published at [www.eea4edu.ro](http://www.eea4edu.ro)).

**Priorities:** The applications in which there is foreseen the participation in the event / events of some people teaching in VET schools situated in rural and/or disadvantaged areas, in VET schools for pupils with special needs, in VET schools enrolling Roma students amounting to at least 10% of students enrolled **or in which one expert/trainer from one DS will be invited will be considered as a priority and they will receive bonus points (10 points for each category).**

The priority points will not be awarded unless the minimum score for quality was reached by the project. For more details please read the [Guideline for Applicants 2021](#).

## **2.3 PROJECT RESULTS**

The projects submitted under this Call for Proposals should contribute to the achievement of the following direct results (outputs) and indirect results (outcomes):

<b>Number</b>	<b>Programme results</b>	<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Outcome 4 VET</b>	<i>Improved quality of work-based learning</i>	90% of staff in VET schools who declare better skills/competencies

		90% of tutors in companies who declare better skills/competencies
		85% of participating students in WBL, who declare acquiring improved learning outcomes
Output 4.1	<i>Enhanced cooperation between the VET schools and the partner companies participating in the projects</i>	40 of Local school curricula re-designed by the schools and the companies to match the needs of the local labor market
		50 of partnerships concluded, conformed with ECVET requirements
Output 4.2	<i>Facilitated learning mobility between BS and DS for VET training responsables (traineeships tutors in companies and VET teachers in schools)</i>	150 of VET training responsables and tutors in companies benefitting from study visits
		5 of supported schools enrolling at least 10% Roma students

## 2.4 WHO COULD APPLY

- For Cooperation and mobility projects in the field of VET, the candidates must be VET schools from Romania.
- For National projects in the VET field the candidates must be Romanian public institutions with responsibilities at national, regional or county level in the VET field.

## 2.5 CO-FUNDING

The grant will cover 100% of the eligible costs.

## 2.6 APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

### 2.6.1 The application form and annexes relevant for the project:

<b>Application Form</b>	
<b>Cooperation and mobility projects in VET field</b>	<a href="#">Click here</a>

<b>National VET projects</b>	<a href="#">Click here</a>
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<b>Eligibility Check Form</b>	
<b>Cooperation and mobility projects in VET field</b>	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>National VET projects</b>	<a href="#">Click here</a>

**Annexes of the applications (compulsory):**

**A. For cooperation and mobility projects in the field of VET**

- a) [The inter-institutional agreements](#) (bilateral agreements) concluded with the partner companies for students` internships (practical stages, according with the Annex No 1 of OMECT 1702/06.08.2019).
- b) [Declaration of honour of the legal representative of the applicant institution](#) (this document will be printed, signed and then scanned and attached).
- c) [Letter of intent from Donor State or Beneficiary State host institution](#), confirming the availability for hosting the Study Visit.
- d) [Table of the detailed budget](#).
- e) [Communication Plan](#). In this plan will be detailed all the activities of promotion and dissemination of the project.

If the applicant is a non-public institution, the documents mentioned in 2.6.2 and 2.6.3 must also be attached to the application form, besides the documents mentioned in 2.6.1.

**2.6.2 Only for Romanian non-public institutions:** copy of the registration in the Register of Commerce and the Ministry of Public Finances;

**2.6.3 Only for Romanian non-public institutions:** the fiscal certificate, proving the lack of unpaid debts to the State budget.

**B. For national VET projects**

- a) [Declaration of honor](#) of the legal representative of the candidate institution (this document will be printed, signed, scanned and attached to the application form).
- b) [The table with the detailed budget](#).
- c) [Communication Plan](#). In this plan will be detailed all the activities of promotion and dissemination of the project.

For each expert / trainer for whom funding is requested:

- d) The CV in Europass format.
- e) The letter of intent of the expert / trainer participating in the event.

## **2,7 HOW TO APPLY?**

The completed application, in Romanian, has to be sent electronically at [proiecte\\_VET@eea4edu.ro](mailto:proiecte_VET@eea4edu.ro) All the compulsory annexes will be attached.

## **2.8 DEADLINE:**

- **For cooperation and mobility projects in the field of VET**

**01.02.2022 at 13.00 hours (Romanian time)**

- **For national VET projects**

**15.02.2022 at 13.00 hours (Romanian time)**

**Any application sent after the above-mentioned date will be declared ineligible.**

## **2.9 CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT:**

After the online submission of application, the applicant will receive an automatic confirmation.

## **2.10 PUBLICATION OF SELECTION RESULTS :**

Results will be published on the website [www.eea4edu.ro](http://www.eea4edu.ro), no later than **04.04.2022**

## **2.11 CONCERNING DOUBLE FUNDING:**

According to the principles of sound financial management, double funding is strictly forbidden.

Thus costs for the same activity cannot be covered from two different funding sources, with the exception of cases where complementarity can be clearly proven.

Funding for one and the same project cannot be granted more than once.

Also, if identical applications (in content) will be identified or if applications will contain paragraphs similar or identical to other applications (no matter if submitted under the same deadline or not and no matter if submitted by the same candidate or different

candidates, for the EEA Grants 2014-2021 programme or for another programme managed by ANPCDEFP), these applications will be REJECTED.

In the case where double funding is discovered after the respective applications have already been approved and funded, the grant beneficiaries will have to return to ANPCDEFP all the amounts already received for the implementation of the project.

## **2.12 OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

ANPCDEFP reserves the right to perform the financial and institutional capacity analysis for Project Promoters that are NOT public institutions and which - either have a project approved with a grant of more than 60,000 Euros, or, without exceeding a grant of 60,000 Euros / project , get to exceed 100,000 Euro / year, cumulated from several projects. If this internal risk analysis, based also on the management of previous projects, leads to the conclusion that there is a risk in implementation, the ANPCDEFP can make the decision to award the contract under special conditions. The contracting of the projects received from the candidates with which ANPCDEFP is in dispute for the recovery of debts and which have a score to be financed will be done only under special conditions: with 0 (zero) advance and the return of the eligible expenses after the approval of the final report.

## **2.13. OTHER INFORMATION:**

All the necessary details regarding eligible activities and participants, duration of projects/activities, levels of allocated grants according to various types of activities, types of funding, evaluation criteria and reporting requirements can be found in the [Guideline for applicants 2021](#). We strongly recommend careful reading of this document before submitting an application, together with the legal basis:

- [Regulation on the implementation of the EEA Grants 2014-2021 and Annex 3 on Information and Communication Requirements](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding between Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and the Government of Romania on the Implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021](#)
- [Guideline for Educational Programmes - Rules for the establishment and implementation of programmes falling under programme area 3 “Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship”](#)
- [Government Ordinance no 34/2017 concerning the institutional framework for the coordination, implementation and management of financial support granted to Romania through the EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021](#)

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