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Sustainability and green priority in VET: Estonian example

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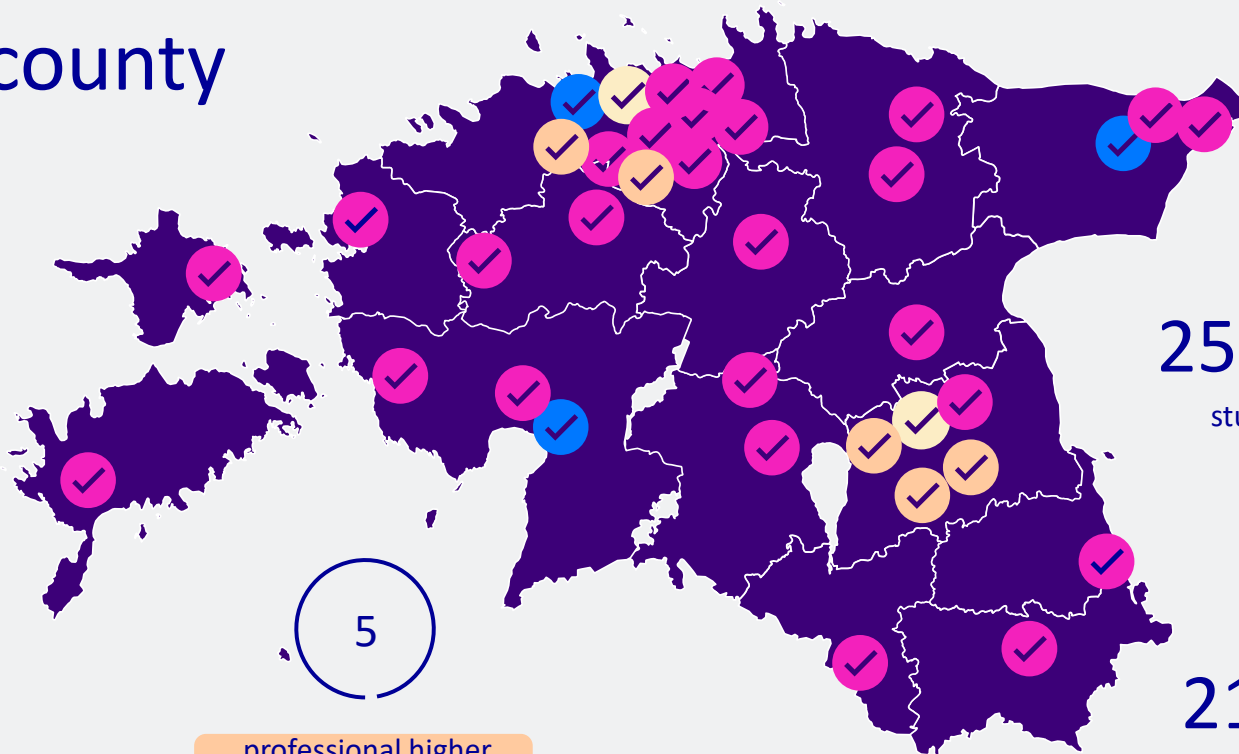
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- 1. VET system in Estonia**
 - 2. Green Skills Programme**
 - 3. Green priority in Estonian National VET Team's activities**

VET. Accessible in every county

30
vocational education
institutions

- + 25 state
- + 3 private
- + 2 municipal
institutions

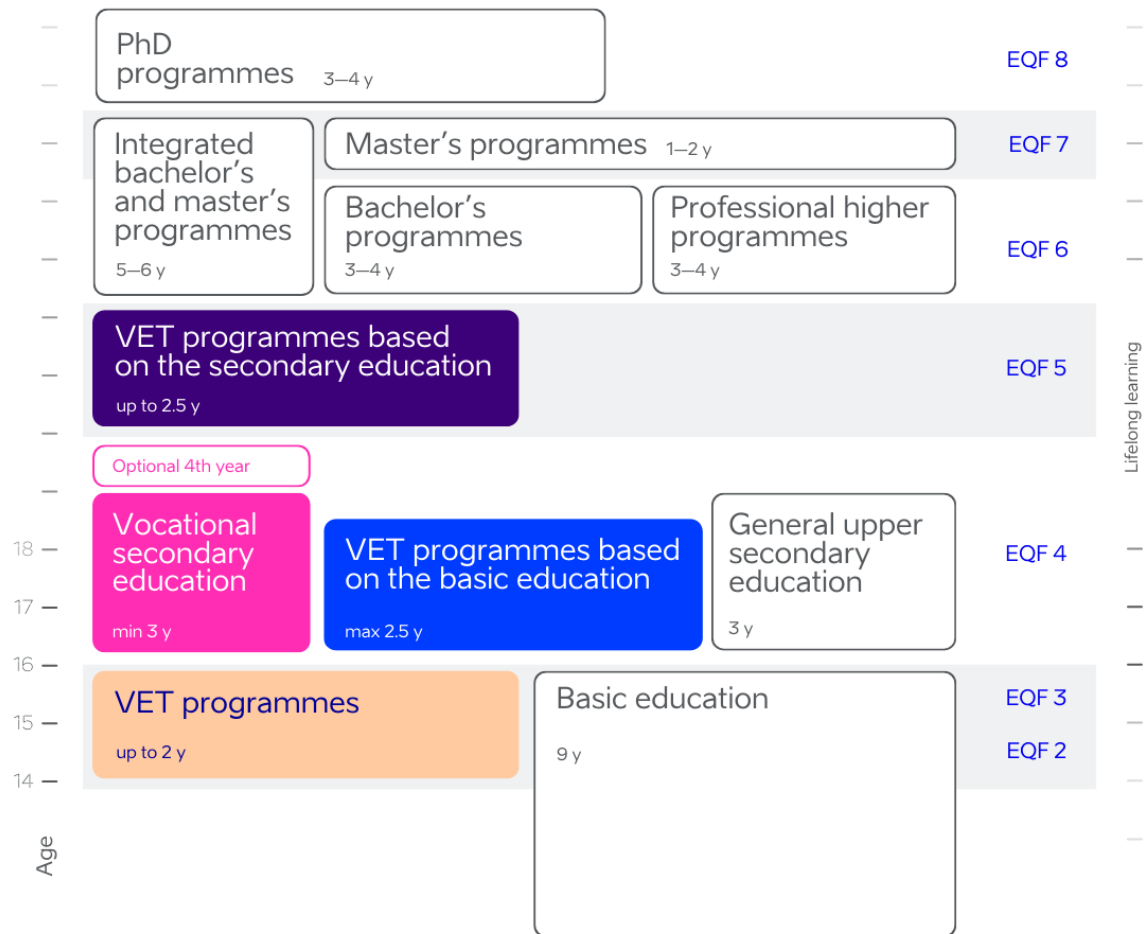
5
professional higher
education institutions



25 500
students

2121
teachers & teaching
professionals

Flexible learning possibilities



Vocational education reform

to enhance VET's appeal to better align with future trends, expand choices after graduation, and ensure a longer-lasting skill set.

CURRICULUM REFORM

- + Extended study duration
- + New concept for secondary education
- + Emphasis on cross-disciplinary skills
- + Comprehensive, individualised curricula
- + Practical skill assessments

SCHOOL NETWORK REFORM

- + Regional education centers to provide wide range of learning pathways
- + Competency-based division of schools
- + New funding mechanisms

NEW VET LAW in 2024

- + Makes changes to start reforms
- + New VET Law for 2027 to perpetuate the new concept



Green Skills Programme

- Funded by Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)
- Budget: 5 mln. EUR
- Implementing bodies: Ministry of Education and Research, Estonian Education and Youth Board, Estonian Qualifications Authority
- <https://www.harno.ee/en/green-skills-programme>



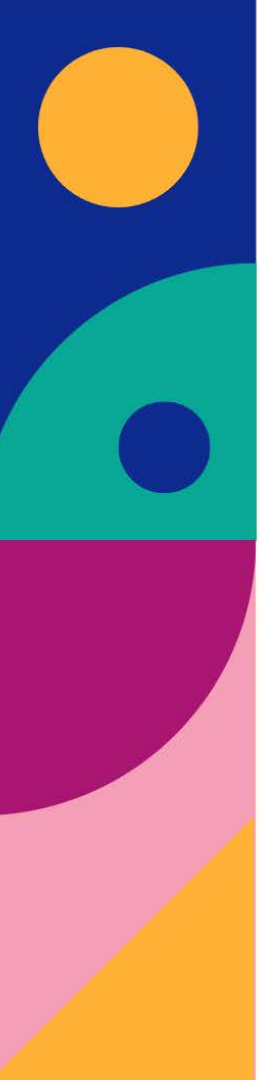
Green Skills Programme: Consortia

- 9 consortia for mapping of specific green skills for industry and education (VET and HE)
- HE institutions, VET schools, professional associations:
 - 8 consortia in different sectors (agriculture, construction, transport, energy, chemicals, food, forestry and automotive)
 - 1 consortium for **horizontal green skills**



Green Skills Programme: Activities

1. Development of curricula
2. Provision of trainings and micro-credentials
3. Updating occupational qualification standards
4. Communication and information activities
5. Program management

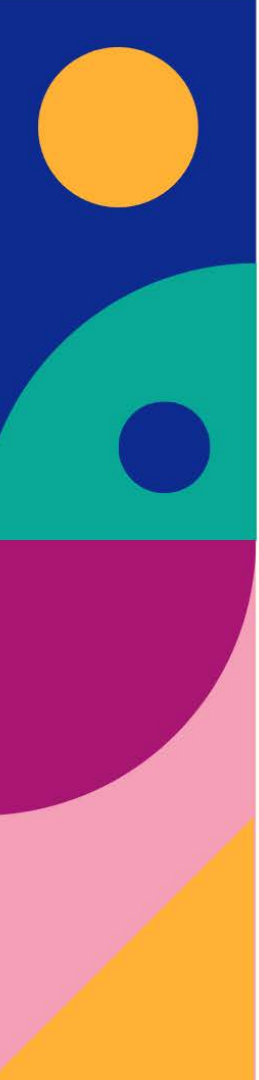


Green Skills Programme: Results of all consortia

- Key green transition skills identified
- Green skills learning outcomes defined
- Curricula analysis in higher and vocational education completed
- New green skills subjects and modules created
- New re- and upskilling curricula developed
- Training needs for pedagogical staff identified

Estonian National VET Team





In January 2021, the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research initiated the formation of a **national VET Team** at the the Education and Youth Board in Estonia, the **Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Agency** to support

- ✓ the Erasmus+ programme
- ✓ the Estonian Education Strategy 2021–2035
- ✓ the European Skills Agenda
- ✓ the Council Recommendations on VET



Priority topics of the EE VET Team

In 2022-2024, EE VET team focuses on the following priority topics:

- Individual and flexible learning pathways
- Enhancing the quality of KA1 and KA2 projects in VET
- **Green transition and the development of green skills in VET**
- Skills-based approach in VET
- Facilitating knowledge sharing and networking among VET institutions in the establishment of Centers of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)
- Democratic culture in VET (new topic in 2024)



Green transition and green skills in VET sector: Activities in 2023

- a) Regular **vision webinars “Green Mornings”** on green transition in VET (once a month, 30 min)
- b) **Support materials** for VET institutions on green transition
- c) **Field meeting of the EE VET Team in south-east Estonia**
- d) **Thematic seminar on sustainability/green transition in VET**
- e) **Policy recommendations** on green transition in VET

Field trip to south-east Estonia in 2023



Green Awakening seminar in 2023



Regional meeting of VET Teams in Riga, May 2024





Activities on green priority in 2024

- Monthly Green Morning webinars - Jan-May, Sept-Dec, incl. an international webinar on 17 May 2024 (EE, LV, LT, IE, RO, FI)
- Green Day study tour for administrative managers of VET schools (22.03.2024)
- Thematic seminar on sustainability in VET on 16-17 October 2024

Thank you!
¡Gracias!
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