

Think big, act small – about the Swiss connection to the EU and the idea of COVEs (centres of vocational excellence)

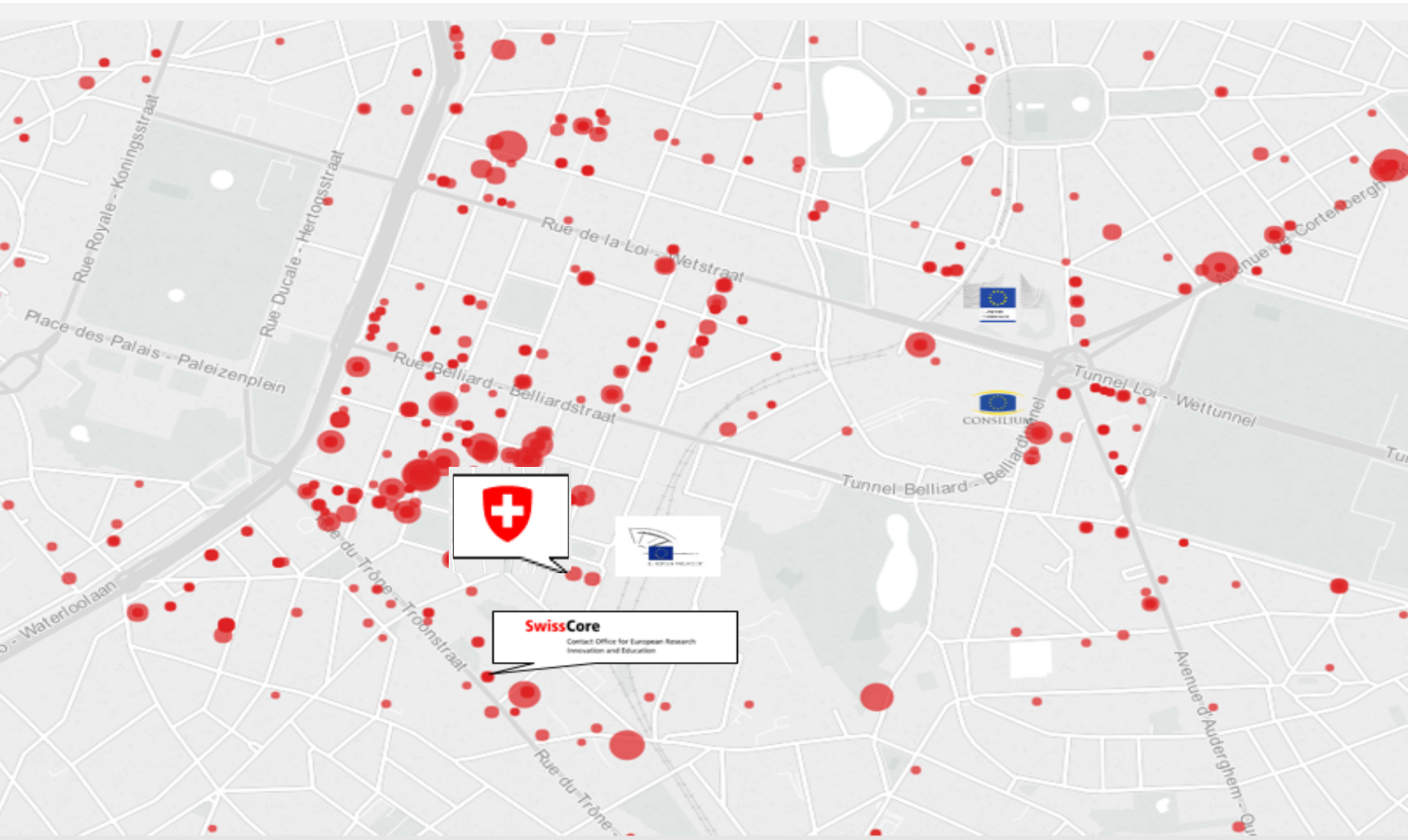


About SwissCore



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SwissCore – Contact Office for European Research, Innovation and Education

Founded in 1995, SwissCore is:

- the Swiss information and liaison office for European research (1995), innovation (2006) and education (1995/2011) in Brussels;
- co-funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) and Innosuisse.

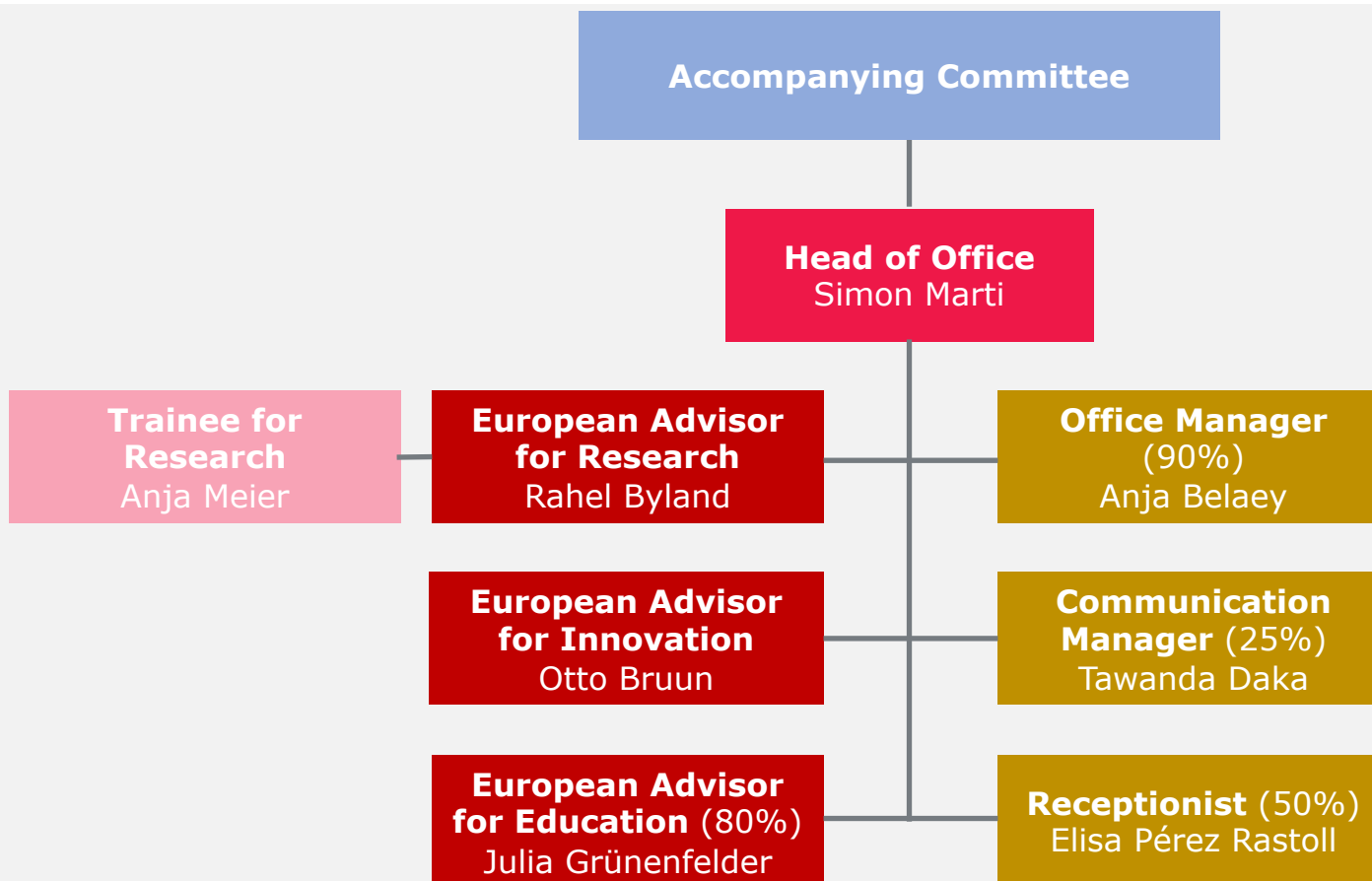
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- acts as a bridge between Swiss and European knowledge institutions;
- supports Swiss participation in European knowledge programmes.



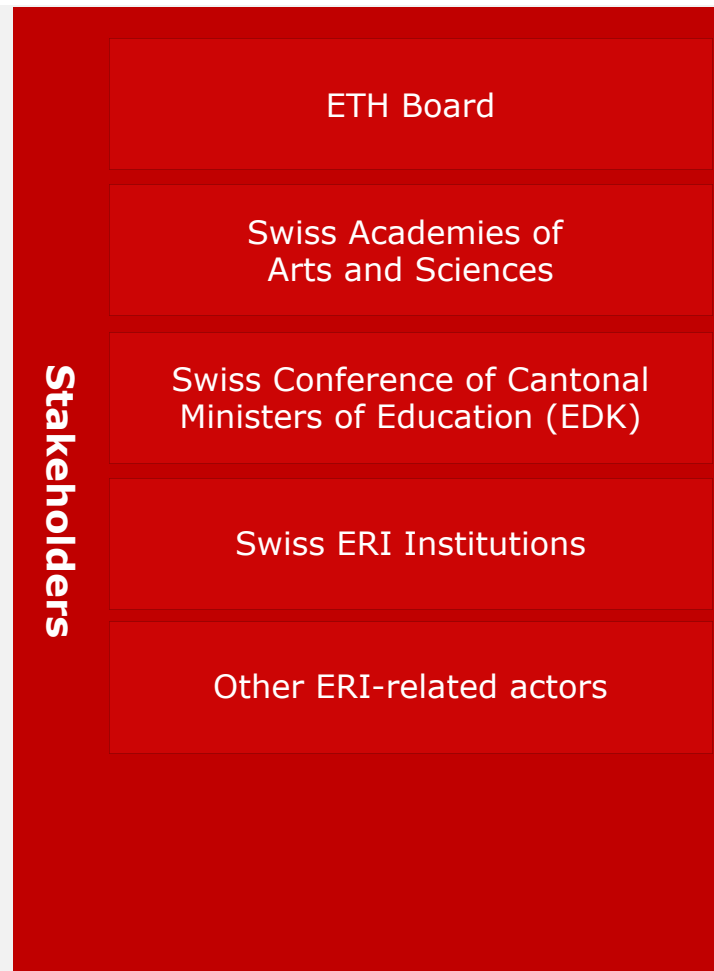
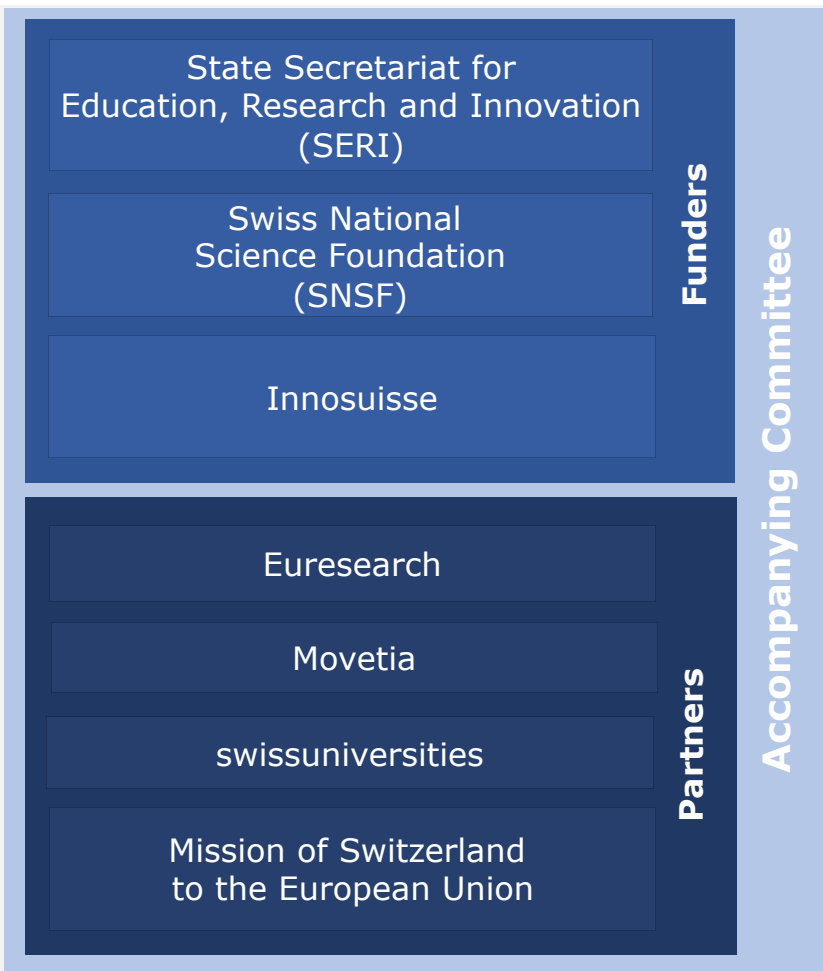


Organisation





Swiss context





European context.

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EU policies and programmes for Vocational Education and Training (VET)





Enriching lives, opening minds

through EU-funded learning opportunities abroad, partnerships, support to reform

2014 - 2020

14.7 billion EUR

Opportunities abroad for over
4 million people



2021 - 2027

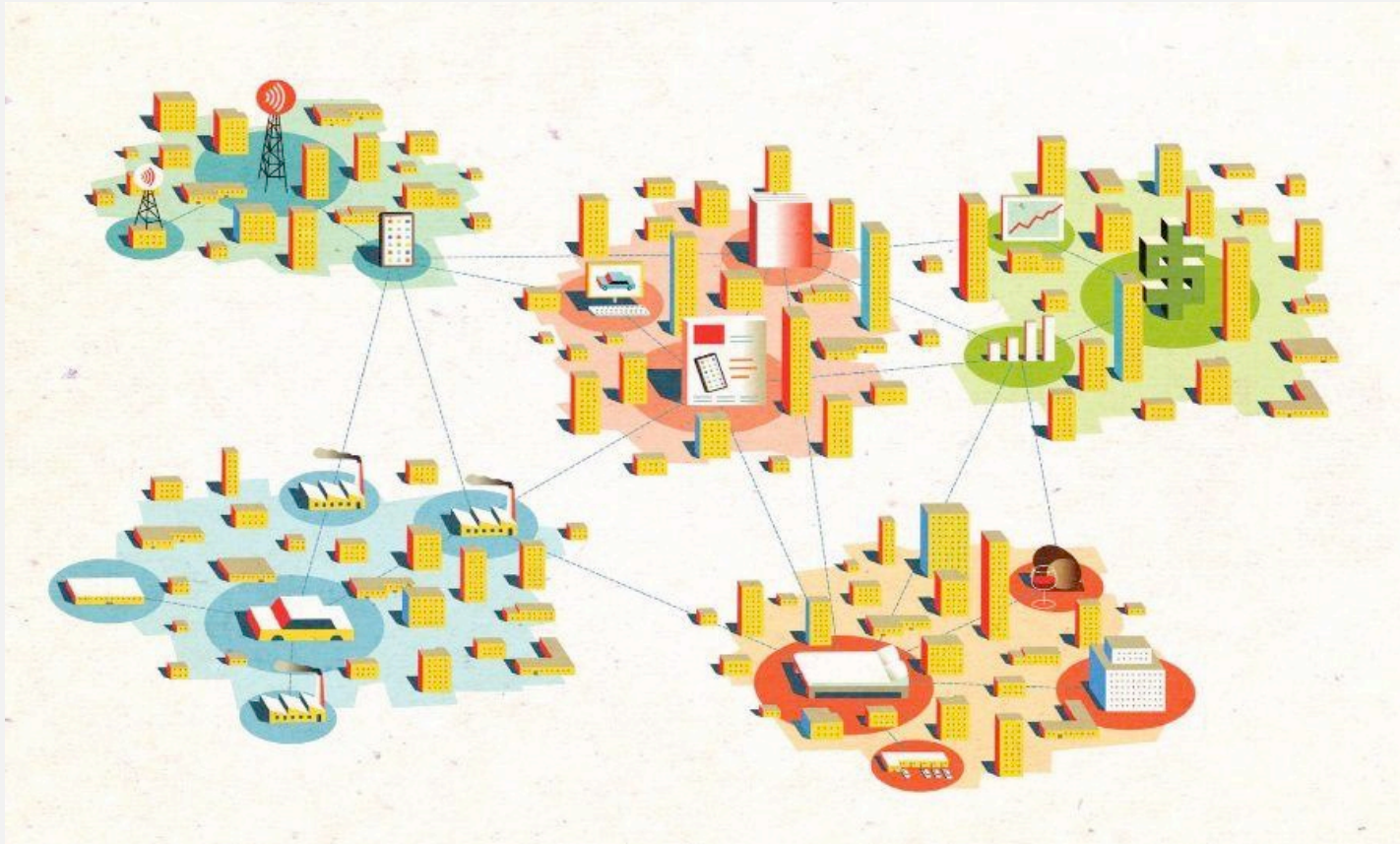
30 billion EUR

Opportunities abroad for over
12 million people





Platforms of Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE)



Challenges and EU ambition

Digitisation,
Industry 4.0

21st century
skills

New
methods for
teaching &
learning

Excellence

- Supporting innovation
- Regional development
- Regional economic strategies
- Focus on both initial & continuing VET

Inclusion

- Broadening access
- Social mobility
- "Nobody left behind"
- Guidance
- Validation

Flexibility & Responsive ness

- Broadening access
- Social mobility
- "Nobody left behind"
- Guidance
- Validation

Efficiency & Financing

- Investment and cost-sharing
- Rewarding quality and efficiency
- Performance based financing

Internat. Dimension

- Mobility of learners, T&T, leaders
- International qualification
- Partnerships
- Evidence sharing

Validation
& Guidance

Changing
world of
work





2019 Erasmus+ call: Pilot projects selected

Title	Talentjourney	Excellent Advanced Manufacturing 4.0	Digital Innovation Hub for Cloud Based Services	Open Design School	Platform of Vocational Excellence Water
Sector	Internet of Things (IoT) in Smart manufacturing	Advanced Manufacturing	Cloud computing	Cultural and creative industries	Water sector
Countries	5	4	5	9	6
EU Grant	953.550 €	799.332 €	999.882 €	874.093 €	998.022 €
Coordinator	Šolski center Nova Gorica (SI)	Tknika (ES)	Helsinki Business college (FI)	Basilicata Foundation (IT)	Friesland college (NL)
Partners	13	8	10	9	11

Projects started to be implemented as from November 2019.



Five pilot projects selected under call EAC/A03/2018 (out of 15 applications).

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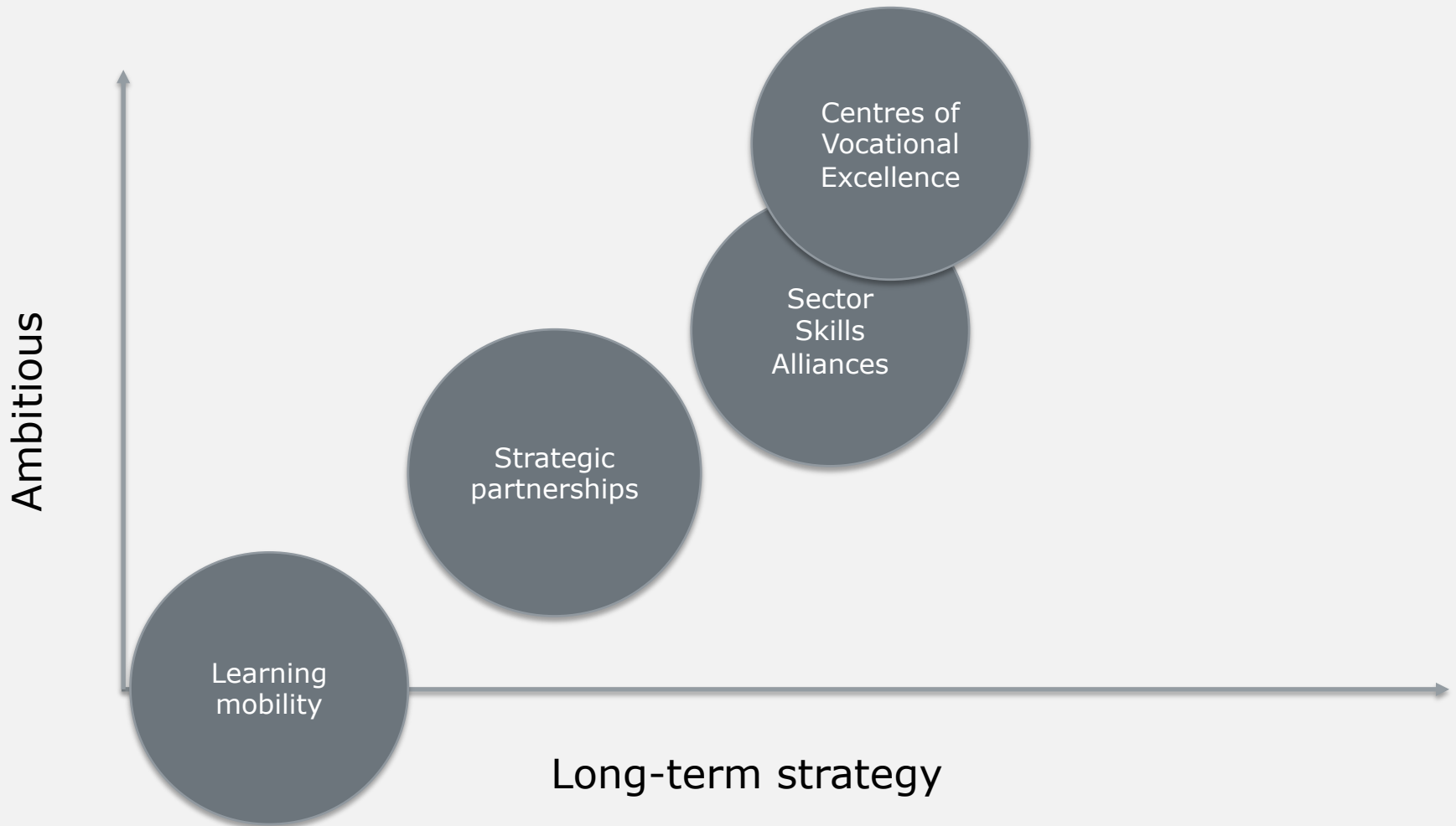
2020 Erasmus+ Call for pilot Platforms of CoVE projects

- Deadline for applications: **20 February 2020**
- Support for **5 pilot projects (4 years)** for establishment of Platforms of CoVE
- Address both **sectoral and societal challenges**
- At least **4 Erasmus+ programme countries** (at least 2 EU MS), at least **8 full partners**, with at least 1 company or industry representative, and 1 VET provider in each country
 - CH eligible to participate as 'associate partners' (i.e. on top of 'full partners' and with 'own funding', e.g. through Swiss Programme for Erasmus+)
- Implement activities in (1) teaching & learning, (2) cooperation & partnerships, (3) governance & funding
- Must include **EQF levels 3, 4 or 5**
- Maximum EU grant **€4,000,000 / project**





Current Erasmus+ exchange/cooperation instruments





Conclusion

- EU aims to foster more structural transnational collaboration in Vocational Education and Training (VET)
- Erasmus+ to support this aim – Will the COVE excellence initiative have the power to transform VET in Europe?
- Switzerland and Erasmus+, now and in the future: Swiss contribution to shaping the initiative? Eligibility? Participation in alliances?



Thank you



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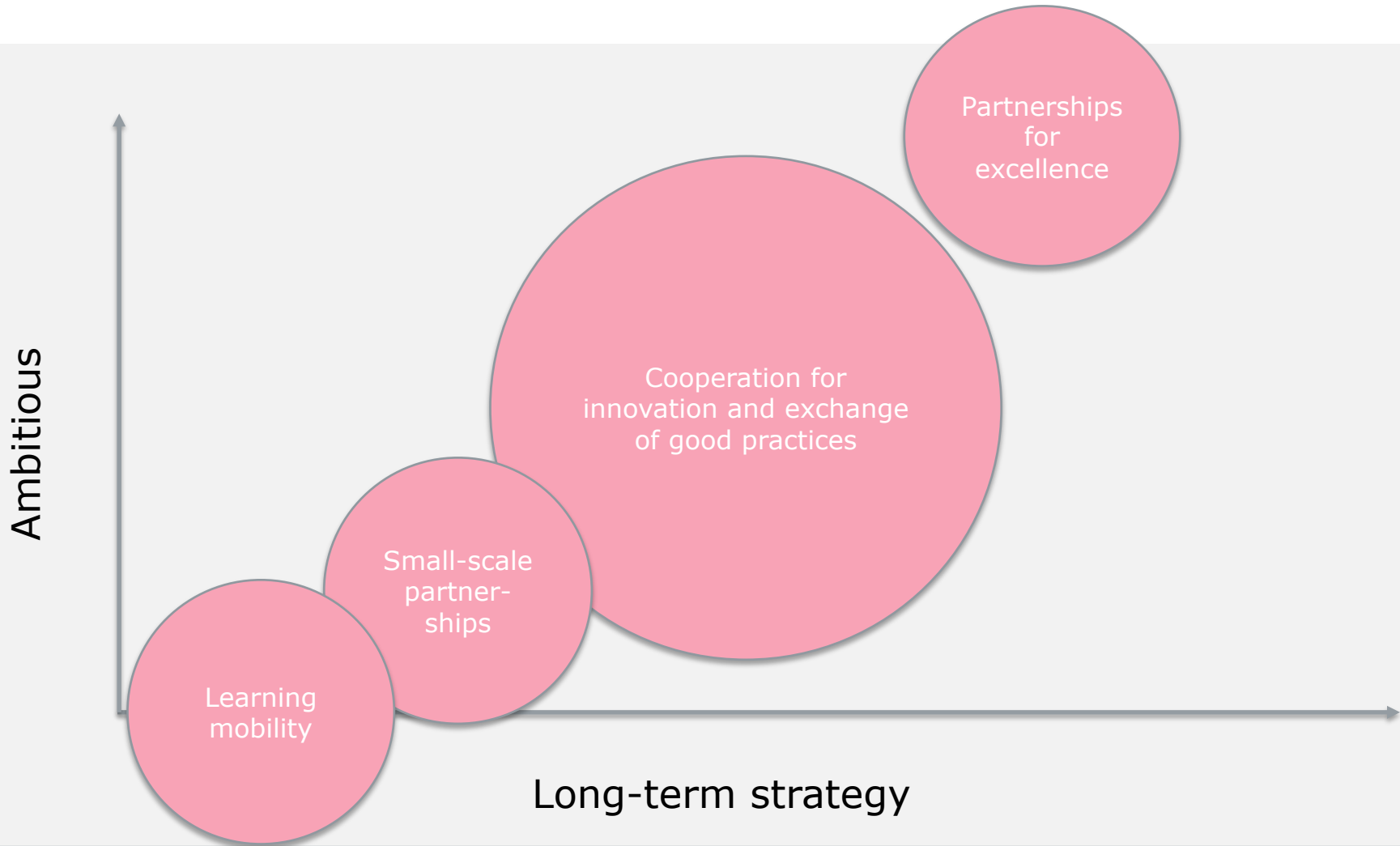


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Future Erasmus+ exchange/cooperation instruments



Lifelong learning approach: NL partner in PoVE Water (funded under 1st CoVE pilot round)

lifelong learning

Age >

from 10 years

from 12 years

from 16 years

from 20 years

from 25 years

Primary education

- 3 Water Days
- 8+ Program
- Water Wonder Lab

Secondary education

- Honours program
- Teaching material
- Profile Selection Test

Vocational education

- Training and education professionals
- Empowering vocational education

Applied sciences water

- Bachelor of
 - Environment
 - Biotechnology
 - Chemical Engineering

Master water technology

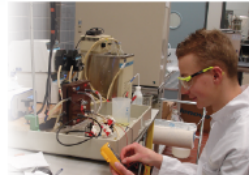
- MSc Water Technology (joint degree)

PhD

- Research schools

Business education

- MBA Program
- Masterclasses
- Business Challenge



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Question to the audience

How many 18-34 year-olds with an initial vocational qualification have spent some time studying or training abroad (approx. 10 working days)?

1. 3%
2. 6%
3. 14%
4. Nobody knows





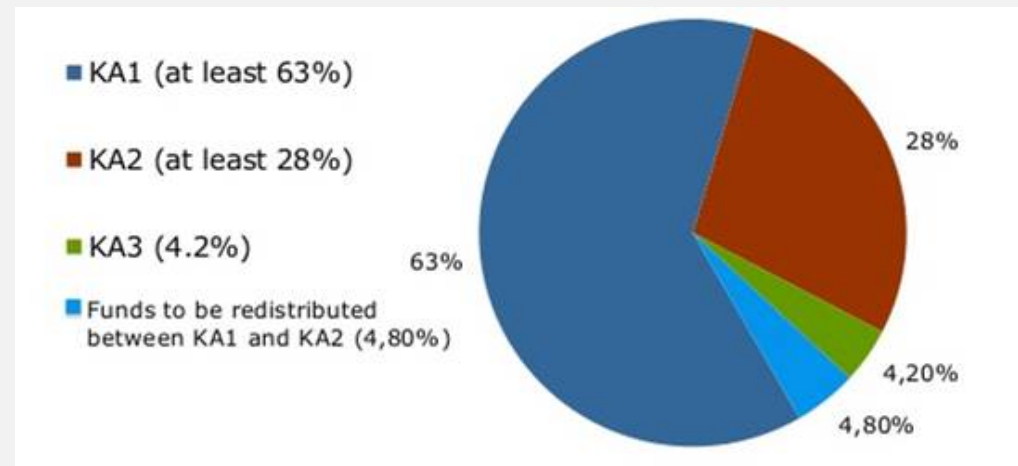
Budget: €14,7 billion

Duration: 2014 - 2020

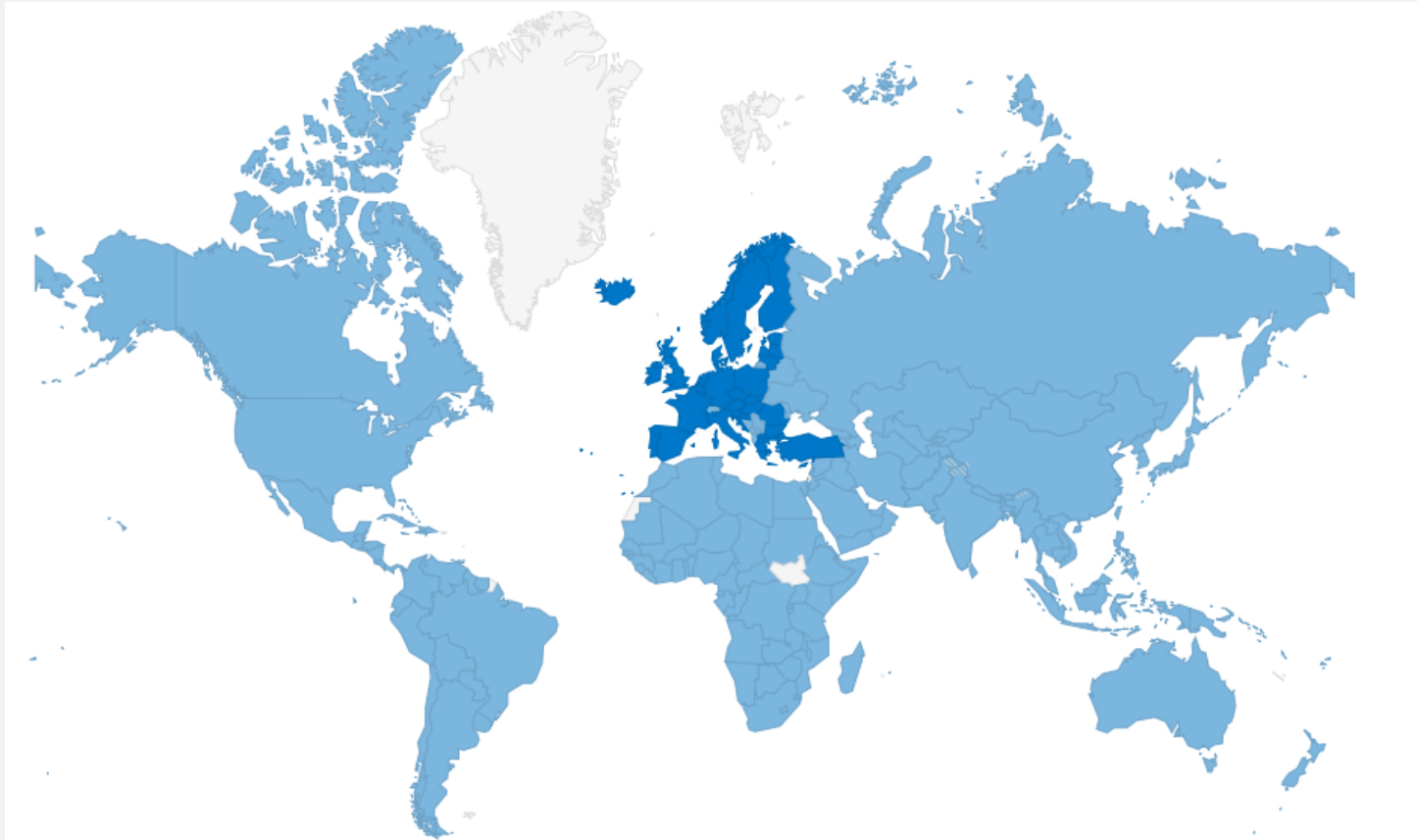
Aim: support key political objectives

Three key actions (KA):

1. Mobility (KA1)
 2. Partnerships (KA2)
 3. Policy (KA3)
- + Jean Monnet, Sports



Erasmus+ 2014-2020: Who can take part? And how?



Programme countries

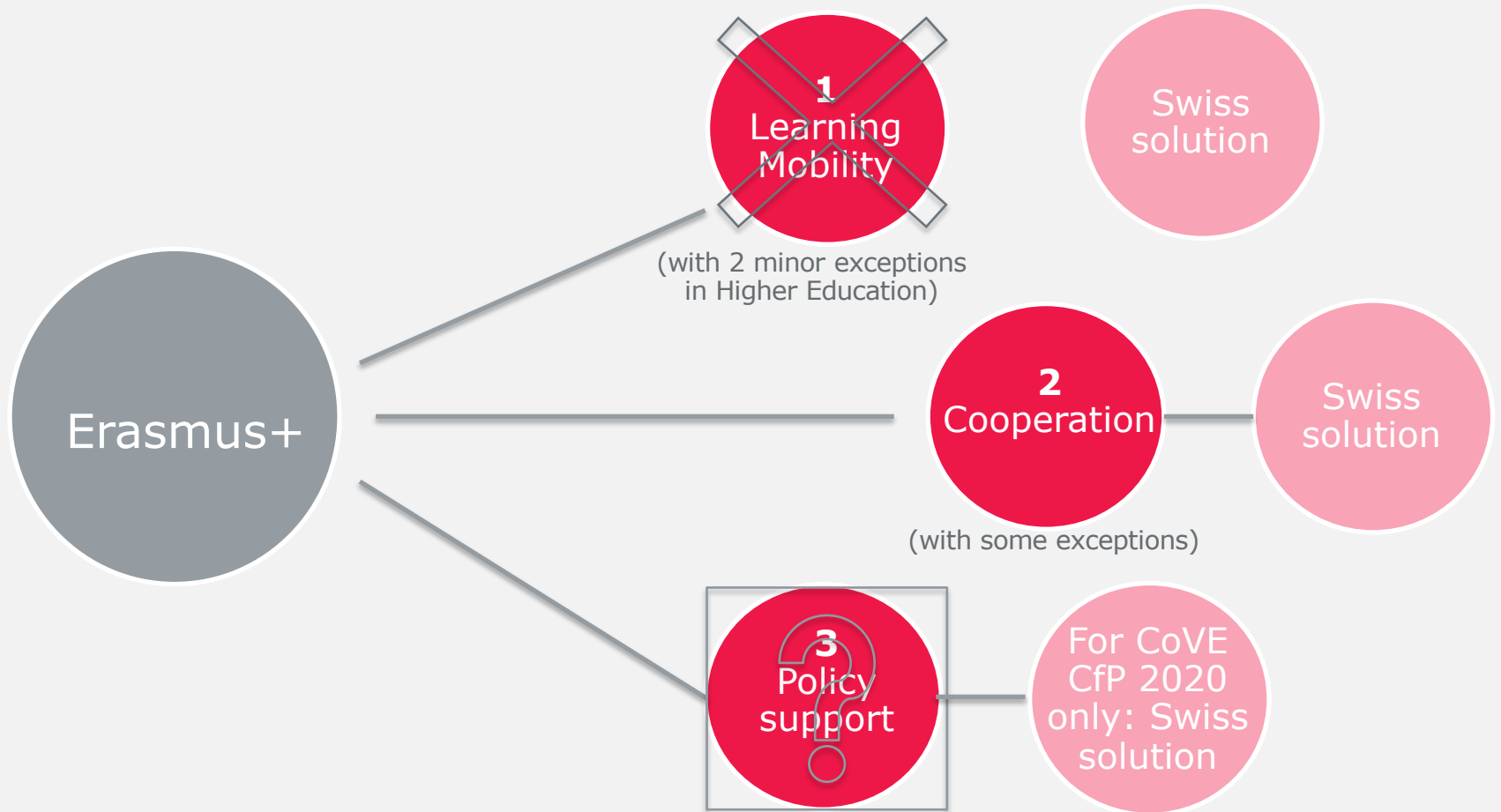
(dark blue):

- EU MS
 - EEA
 - North Macedonia
 - Turkey
 - Serbia
- Full access

Partner countries

(light blue)







- Increased emphasis on continuing VET (incl. mobility for up- & reskilling)
- Increased virtual cooperation and blended mobility
- International dimension in VET (= beyond Erasmus+ programme countries)
[VET pilots with Africa & Western Balkans/Turkey launched in 2019]
- Small-scale partnerships for more accessibility
- More demanding partnerships for innovation
(Alliances, forward-looking projects)
- Centres of vocational excellence (CoVE)
- Enlarge concept of 'staff mobility' (to include e.g. HR staff in companies)





EU activities to foster platforms of CoVE

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