

# VET fit for the future – the role for Vocational Excellence



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Theodor Grassos is Secretary General of EVBB and Vice-President of European Entrepreneurs CEA-PME. He is a member of two Working Groups of the European Commission as an expert: “Working Group on Vocational Education and Training and the Green Transition” and “Working Group on Adult Learning - Opening Up Opportunities for All”. Furthermore, he is a member of Life Long learning platform, VET 4 EU2 group as well as the ETF Consultative Panel for the internationalization of CoVEs.

He is Project Director of the CoVE TourX. Among his key qualifications are the hands-on experience in implementing EU projects of high value. Having implemented and participated in numerous projects, he holds a strong knowledge of the current trends and strategies of the E.U. For more than 15 years, he has proven his extensive Knowledge of ESF and EU Education & VET strategies since he has successfully implemented various international cooperation projects.

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After having collaborated with WorldSkills France as a volunteer for a few years from 2005 onwards, Laurence worked for WorldSkills France at their headquarters in Paris in 2007, taking over as CEO in 2012.

She left WorldSkills France to move to the UK in June 2015 to work at the Education and Training Foundation, where she provided strategic and operational leadership of vocational education and training, focusing on apprenticeships and employer engagement, and other special projects around offender learning and prevention of radicalisation.

In 2017, she left the Foundation to return to the world of skills competitions and become the CEO of WorldSkills Europe, the organisation behind the EuroSkills competition. Laurence is also a Board Member of WorldSkills International, a position she was elected to in 2014.

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Since 1996, I have been tied to the General Union of Workers of Spain (UGT), in the areas of design, research and implementation of information, guidance and training projects for workers, making his work compatible with executive advisory tasks within the Confederate Secretariat of Training.

I am member of the Management Board of Cedefop; from the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training (ACVT) and from the Education and Training Committee of the ETUC. I have been an Associate Professor at the Carlos III University of Madrid and I have a university degree in Political Science and Sociology and a PhD in the area of Public International Law and International Relations.

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Gracia Jämsä vocational school graduate of 2021 (tourism). Advocacy work started by becoming a member of the VET establishment's Student council in 2019, which encouraged to participate in SAKKI ry's activities and projects.

That priored joining the union as a board member later on. Currently, after re-elections in April, a 1.Vice Chairperson at SAKKI ry and taking active participation in national projects and meetings as well as international ones. In addition, a representative of EAN and a student at Laurea UAS Restonomi).

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He has been member in scientific committees on curriculum reform and literacy. The last 5 years he has worked extensively on the topic of vocational excellence. He is the author of various publications in education and training.

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