



Networks of Networks Action Plan 2021-22

Aspiration 1. Bring coherence, and enhance effectiveness and efficiency

Our first priority is to bring long-term coherence and direction to the management of the Network of Networks alliance, maintaining close cooperation irrespective of Brexit and other changes in the external environment. We aspire to establish a smarter and more strategically driven network, through a network wide commitment to the implementation of a joint strategy and action plan. We want to continuously improve the effectiveness of our network, increasing efforts to capture data more effectively, embed communication structures and extend our outreach activity to increase collaboration and success within the network.

Area (Our Objective is to...)	Action (We will do this by...)	Measure of Success	Responsible Group
<p>1. To maintain a coherent and vibrant network in the long-term, through sustained strategic cooperation between network members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment from all regional networks to continue participating in the Network of Networks and engaging in joint international cooperation's where possible, particularly in the context of Brexit. • Developing and embedding a five-year Network of Networks cooperation strategy outlining our vision and aspirations for the future. • Introduction of an annual action plan to provide focus for the network's cooperation in the longer-term, and clarity to areas of network cooperation UK partners can still be active in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 5 regional networks involved in the Network of Networks Alliance in the long-term. A Memorandum of Understanding. • 1 network wide cooperation strategy accepted and implemented by each regional network. • 1 annual action plan implemented, monitored and inclusive of all regional networks. 	<p>Network of Networks Steering Committee.</p>



<p>2. To continuously improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our collaborations through smarter cooperation and processes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of a formalized network governance structure, beyond the lifetime of any project, at both a strategic and operational level. This will be supported by appropriate communication and cooperation structures, including working groups dedicated to increasing collaboration, leveraging EU funds, and sharing best practices among VET Colleges in the long-term. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x overall network governance structure established and embedded annually. 1 x future network steering committee established. A minimum of 3 thematic working groups established. 1 x internal communication strategy established. 	<p>Network of Networks Steering Committee.</p>
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Aspiration 2. Enhance the quality of VET and support Economic, Social and Sustainable Cohesion

Our priority is to strengthen the quality of Vocational Education and Training (VET) to help all learners develop their full potential. We aim to provide accessible, attractive, innovative and quality VET that not only prepares learners for employment but equips them with the meta skills required to become active citizens. The international dimension in education will be strengthened to provide, not only additional learning opportunities for learners, but the ability to collaborate on new curriculum. An integrated utilisation of EU tools and principles such as EQF, ECVET, EQAVET and Europass will support these characteristics.

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<p>3. Improve the quality of VET education by utilizing the principles of ECVET, EQF and other EU tools.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using EQF levels to map the qualification levels of all NoN partner countries. Set up a working group to review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualification map available on Teams Explanation of each partner's education 	<p>Regional Network Leads</p>



	the use of flexible and individualised learning pathways, including transnational mobility using the principles of ECVET.	system available on Teams	
4. Provide international experience for students to prepare for future employment opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a thematic working group dedicated to international cooperation, focusing on virtual or physical mobility opportunities for students at all levels. • Joint online projects for students to collaboratively work on across the EU using virtual tools e.g. Teams. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x dedicated internationalization working group established. • Register of mobility opportunities at each EQF Level and record of actual mobilities between NoN members. • Number of joint student projects underway. 	International Cooperation Thematic Working Group.

Aspiration 3. Enhance the quality of VET education by Continuous Staff Competence Development

Our aim is to foster the continuous professional development of our VET staff, so that they stay up to date with international, digital and pedagogical trends and find relevant partners to develop practices. Within Network of Networks our idea is to share knowledge, good practices and experiences in order to facilitate the learning process and to enhance the quality of VET education. We will utilise the capacity building model created in the network and strive to foster forums for professional discussion.

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5. Utilise the capacity building model created in the Network of Networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share good practices by creating working groups in strategical areas which are linked to EU VET policy priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 3 x Working groups established. • Number of participants in working groups (minimum 4 x people in each 	Steering Committee and future thematic Working Groups.



		<p>working group).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Development plan created for each thematic working group established. • Outcomes of each thematic working group captured at annual meeting and 1 x annual news article per group. • Quantity of EU applications, projects, and collaborative projects 	
<p>6. Facilitate professional knowledge sharing and discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking Staff mobilities (virtual or blended). • Developing a list of NoN study programs and contact persons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 25 x staff mobilities per annum. • List of NoN study programs created. 	<p>International Cooperation Thematic Working Group.</p>

Aspiration 4. Raise awareness about the Network of Networks and its Added Value

Our priority is to strengthen our internal and external communication to raise the influence of our network, both locally and internationally. Internally, within our NoN, we will target VET leaders and another VET staff to increase the involvement and commitment to internationalization by disseminating projects, materials, and good practices within the members, rising the brand awareness among them. This aspiration will integrate and support the actions collected in the other aspirations. Externally, we aspire to unleash the potential for increased visibility, through reaching out to other VET providers and networks, to disseminate our good practices and enhance the reputation of VET institutions involved in the Network. The consolidation of an international network will contribute positively to the image and influence of the VET institutions involved, in turn promoting a growth in the international activities of the members, in line with Regional, National, and European policy priorities.



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<p>7. Strengthen internal commitment, sense of belonging and involvement among current NoN networks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define an internal communication plan including actions to disseminate the NoN's activity within our own regional networks (online platforms, contact list, working groups, annual meeting, webinars etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Internal communication plan developed. 	<p>Network of Networks Steering Committee.</p>
<p>8. Make the VET schools that are part of NoN, and the NoN itself more recognisable externally to increase our visibility and our international profile..</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define the external communication plan with the aim of reaching out to other VET providers and networks and disseminating our good practices. Define the criteria for network membership to be met by interested VET institutions & associations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x External communication plan developed. 1 x set of criteria for new possible NoN members. 	<p>Network of Networks Steering Committee.</p>