

Leonardo da Vinci Funding for Vocational Education & Training

The [Leonardo da Vinci programme](#) is part of the European Commission's new Lifelong Learning Programme and is designed to build a skilled workforce through European partnerships. Leonardo funds overseas work placements and the development of training materials with the objective of improving the provision of Vocational Education and Training (VET) across Europe.

Leonardo focuses on raising the quality and relevance of VET, and this is an exciting opportunity for organisations involved in VET to build European partnerships, exchange best practice, increase the expertise of their staff and develop the skills of learners.

What can you do?

Mobility for learners, trainees and staff

You can send trainees and people in the labour market to another European country for a work placement to enable them to gain real experience and skills in employment. Alternatively your staff can take part in short work placements to learn new skills and ways of working from European colleagues.

Partnerships for the development and transfer of training

You can build on the best practice in VET from Europe by participating in European partnerships to produce innovative training materials. Projects will focus on customising training materials for the needs of learners and businesses in the partner countries. You will be able to develop the training that businesses need.

European meetings

If you are interested in the programme and have some partners in mind, you can apply for funding to organise a European meeting to discuss your project ideas with your partners. And if you need partners in other countries, we can help you find them!

Can you take part?

Leonardo is open to all organisations involved in VET. We're keen to widen participation in the programme and to encourage disadvantaged groups to take advantage of these new funding opportunities.

When are the deadlines?

The next deadline for Leonardo Mobility applications is 27 July 2007; for partnership projects it's 31 January 2008.

If you require any further information, please e-mail us at leonardo@ecotec.com or phone our helpline on: 0845 199 2929.