



Cooperation Agreement

The Network of Networks (NoN) is a European informal alliance of regional and national groupings of Vocational Education and Training (VET) colleges. The colleges are in Northern Ireland, Scotland, the Netherlands, Finland, and the Basque Country – Spain. The NoN was established in 2016. Collectively these five networks currently represent 51 VET providers.

Aims

Our aim is strategic cooperation, mutual learning, and exchange of good practices. Through close cooperation we want to strengthen the quality and efficiency of VET. Furthermore, we aspire to implement European VET policy initiatives at a grass roots level.

Activities

The network collaborates in international projects, exchanges experiences and views on VET development on European and international level. We work together in thematic working groups on diverse ideas and practical requests. In the annual meetings new collaborative projects and initiatives are generated and good practices are shared. And for many years we have facilitated student work placements and staff exchanges.

General principles

The Network of Networks is an effective network of reliable partners. Our cooperation so far shows quality, trust, a personal touch, short lines of communication, commitment, and innovation. For the sustainability of the network the roles and tasks are distributed amongst all five regional/ national networks. Each network appoints a representative to the NoN Steering Committee, who is responsible for the liaison between the Steering Committee and the network.

Future aspirations

This Cooperation Agreement forms the framework for a further consolidation of our strategic cooperation. By signing the cooperation agreement each network commits to continue its high quality and reliable contribution to the NoN with sufficient resources. As set out in the NoN Strategic Plan and Action Plan (Annex 1 and 2) this includes participation in the Steering Committee, thematic working groups, international projects and the annual meetings. The Strategic Plan and Action Plan will be updated every 5 years.



This agreement is signed by a representative of each regional/national network of VET colleges. As the parties to this Cooperation Agreement consist of and operate through several independent organizations, separate detailed agreements have been and will be made within each regional or national network of VET colleges.

This Cooperation Agreement as well as future amendments to it will come into effect upon signature by the network representatives and shall remain in force until terminated by each party by giving notice thereof.

FINN-NET – Finland

Place:

Date:

Name and position: Kirsi Viskari, Director Vocational Education and Training City of Tampere, Tampere Vocational College Tredu

Signature:

The Dutch Alliance – The Netherlands

Place:

Date:

Name and position: Carl Govers, Member Executive Board of Onderwijsgroep Tilburg and Chair Supervisory Board of The Dutch Alliance.

Signature:

HETEL – The Basque Country, Spain

Place:

Date:

Name and position: Jorge Mancisidor, Director of Goierri Eskola and member of HETEL's Executive Board.

Signature:

Scottish Colleges – United Kingdom

A. New College Lanarkshire

Place:

Date:

Name and position: Nicola Mulholland, Dean for Academic Partnerships

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B. City of Glasgow College

Place:

Date:

Name and position: Roy Gardner, Vice Principal Corporate Development and Innovation

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Northern Ireland Colleges – United Kingdom

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Date:

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Annex 1: “NoN Strategic Plan”

Annex 2: “NoN Action Plan”