

#TeamEurope

# Opportunity-driven Skills and VET in Africa (TEI OP-VET).

## Request-based Technical Assistance Facility

The Technical Assistance (TA) Facility of the Team Europe Initiative **Opportunity-driven Skills and Vocational Education and Training in Africa (TEI OP-VET)** provides support for (re)orienting existing or planned sector-specific or Skills/VET interventions in partner countries in Sub-Saharan Africa towards **concrete employment opportunities** created by public and private investments under the **Global Gateway Investment Package**.

### How can the TA Facility support you?

#### Identification of employment opportunities and required skills needs

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Develop methods to identify employment opportunities and required skills needs and conduct mappings of key sub-sectors and value chains (VCs) aligned with Global Gateway priorities.

#### (Re)orientation of VET interventions towards concrete employment opportunities

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(Re)orientation and reformulation of relevant EU and EU MS sectoral and VET interventions to follow an OP-VET approach .

#### Support for implementation of OP-VET interventions

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Provide tools and advice to establish partnerships between private and public stakeholders aiming to develop and implement specific opportunity-driven VET interventions.

#### Monitoring and Evaluation of OP-VET and Skills Development interventions

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Develop tools and methods to assess the impact of opportunity-driven VET & Skills Development approaches on employment and VC growth.

### What are the eligibility criteria?

#### All requests for support must

- Aim at a paradigm-shift of **reverse-engineering VET**
- Show strong **private sector engagement** and demonstrate concrete **potential for employment**
- Be connected to European **investments and value chain developments under the Global Gateway Investment Package**
- Show linkage to **TVET and or/ employment sector plans** (or relevant national strategies)
- Be linked to relevant **ongoing or planned interventions** by the EU or EU Member States
- Pay attention to **advancing access of women to employment opportunities** and encourage a **gender-responsive** and **gender-transformative** approach where possible
- Be **endorsed by the EUD** in the country(ies) of implementation
- Be backed by **available funding** to implement actions following TA support

## Who can request support?

**EU Delegations (EUDs), EIB and EBRD, EU Member States (MS) and EU MS organisations** involved in ongoing and/or planned interventions in sectors linked to **Global Gateway priority areas**.

Stakeholders involved in ongoing and/or planned interventions from EUDs or EU MS/MSOs:

- Local and European **private sector organisations and representatives** operating at national/regional level in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Local and European **organisations** (private, private not for profit and public) **involved in value chain development** and/or **skills development** and/or **employment promotion** in Sub-Saharan Africa.

### What's in it for EUDs and (EU MS) organisations?

- Access to experience and networks from different EU Member States (BE, DE, FI, FR)
- Integration of VET as an enabling component of interventions under the Global Gateway
- Mapping of concrete employment opportunities and stakeholders
- Partnerships between public and private stakeholders around skills development

### What's in it for companies and investors?

- Analysis of skills gaps according to expressed needs
- Active participation in public-private dialogue on skills development
- Involvement in the design/ update of relevant VET courses
- Integration of VET and skills development in the investment design

## Interested to apply?

Send your request for support:

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Check out our '**FAQ**' on the **TA Facility** for more information.

### What does opportunity-driven VET mean?



The opportunity-driven approach to VET acknowledges that VET does not create jobs. Instead **VET acts as an enabler and support function for decent employment**.



Introducing a **paradigm shift in VET/skills development**: It is **reverse-engineered from concrete job opportunities**. VET is coupled with investments, private sector engagement and public-private-partnerships.

### What is the TEI OP-VET about ?

**Team Europe Initiative on Opportunity-driven Skills and VET in Sub-Saharan Africa (TEI OP-VET)** aims to link skills development and VET with investments in Global Gateway priority areas (Digital, Health, Transport and Climate & Energy) to unlock the employment potential created by these investments and related sector/value chain developments.

It is running from **2024-2029** and is structured around **3 lines of action**:

- **Request-based TA Facility**
- **Regional exchange and public-private partnerships**
- **Competitive Funding mechanism (Call for Proposals)**