

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

Example

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

Example

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

Example

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

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)**