



VETRINE

Vocational Education & Training
towards re-inventing apparel procedures

Call for applications for the
selection of an accreditation body
that will follow standardization
procedures aiming to the
validation of the Capacity Building
Programme

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1. Background

Fashion is a highly profit & vivacious sector employing hundreds of thousands of individuals. The apparel industry (part of the fashion industry encompassing the production of apparel, designed or intended to be worn by any individual) does generate great revenues, with increasing financial impact for local economies. Apparel products (including clothes, shoes & accessories) are an important aspect of most people's lives, as they guarantee protection and comfort, while for a profuse number of individuals serve as a means of expression.

The production of fashion products is an organized industry made up of cottage labour as well as high-volume technology in intensive facilities. Unfortunately, this complex cycle leaves a terrible environmental footprint along its entire manufacturing process.

According to the European Commission's new "Textile Strategy", EU consumption of textiles has approximately the fourth highest impact on the environmental & climate change, after food, housing and mobility. According to this particular strategy, by 2030 it is expected apparel products placed on the EU market to be long-lived and recyclable, free of hazardous both for the environment & for people subsistence. Apparel products are one of the highest areas leading to consumption of water and soil degradation caused by the cultivation or extraction of raw materials needed for particular apparel items.

The VETRINE project wishes to establish the flow of information between VET institutions, HEIs and labour market representatives to promote sustainable methods & techniques that will formulate the apparel sector towards green efforts. More specifically, project wishes to focus on the development & implementation of an online Capacity Building Programme (CBP) fostering fashion designers (VET learners) to familiarize with sustainable raw materials and engineering techniques for a more sustainable apparel sector. On top of that, through the Capacity Building Programme learners will be able to understand the principles of entrepreneurship based on EU Commission's frameworks (EntreComp & GreenComp), developing a sense of initiative & entrepreneurial mind-set.

To guarantee that the competences acquired by the trainees, an official process will be implemented and carried out by an accreditation body that will certify the knowledge acquired by the trainees after they have completed the CBP.

The trainees' certification process will take place in December 2024 and January 2025.

2. Selection criteria

Required profile (**exclusion criteria**)

- To be an accredited organisation that objectively demonstrates that its structure and training practices are appropriate to the offer it develops and meet quality requirements.
- An organization with recognized expertise in skills certification, covering the textile and clothing sector.

Important note: Applicants from the following organisations, that are members of the project's consortium, will not be eligible.

Eurotraining Educational Organization, Kauno Technologijos Universitetas, Chimar (Hellas) S.A., CITEVE Centro Tecnológico das Indústrias Têxtil e do Vestuário de Portugal, ATP Associação Têxtil e Vestuário de Portugal, Nevrokop Vocational High School, PIRIN-TEX EOOD, Centro de Estudios AEG, Arroka S.L., Confederación de la Industria Textil, TEXFOR, CEDECS-TCBL, CENTEXBEL Wetenschappelijk en Technischcentrum Van de Belgische Textielni, NOVEL GROUP.

3. Type of contract, duration and compensation

Type of contract: Service Agreement

Duration: From the day of the signature of the agreement until 28 February 2025.

Compensation: 7000€ (certification of 160 participants: 40 from Belgium + 40 from Bulgaria + 40 from Spain+ 40 from Portugal)

4. Application procedure

Interested individuals are invited to submit their application to CITEVE, member of the "VETRINE" consortium via the email: academia@citeve.pt.

The sentence "**VETRINE Call for applications for the selection of an accreditation body**" should appear on the subject of the email.

4.1 Supporting documents

Each application shall include the following documents:

- a **signed application form** (Annex 1) including:
 1. a small cover letter explaining the applicant's motivation for answering this call;
 2. a list of supporting documents duly filled with the documentation which proves how the applicant fulfils the selection criteria listed in chapter 2 and 3 of this call.

4.2 Requirements

- Participate in briefings with the project's technical team, ensuring that the technical staff taking part are specialised in the textile sector, in order to understand the project's aims, the target public and the specific characteristics of the sector.

- Analyse the programme's content, including the videos, manuals, assessment questionnaires and additional resources that are part of the content of each chapter.
- To guarantee the quality of the service provided and not to change the supply conditions set out herein.
- To correctly and reliably provide information regarding the conditions under which the services are provided, as well as to provide any clarifications that may be justified, according to the circumstances.

4.3 Deadline for application

The applications must be sent by 21 October 2024 at the latest. The date of the e-mail sent will be the date of sending.

5. Selection procedure

1	Experience as an accredited organisation and training practices that are appropriate to the offer it develops and meet quality requirements.	Up to 2 years: 30 points Up to 4 years: 40 points More than 6 years: 50 points
2	Recognized expertise in skills certification, covering the textile and clothing sector.	Up to 2 years: 30 points Up to 4 years: 40 points More than 6 years: 50 points
	Sum	100 points

In the event of a tie between two candidates, recognised experience in certifying skills in the textile and clothing sector will be the selection factor.

6. Visibility

This invitation will be published on the ACADEMIA CITEVE website (<https://academia.citeve.pt/>) and the VETRINE project website (<https://vetrine.eu/>).

7. Annex 1

Application form

ORGANISATION	
Full legal name	
Acronym	
Country	
Region	
Post Code	
City	
Website	
Email	
Telephone	
PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	
Is the partner organisation a public body?	
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	
CONTACT PERSON	
First Name	
Family Name	
Position	
Email	
Telephone	

Motivation for participating in this call

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List of supporting documents

Criteria	Supporting documents
Accredited organisation's declaration	
Document proving recognised expertise in skills certification, covering the textile and clothing sector	

signature: _____