

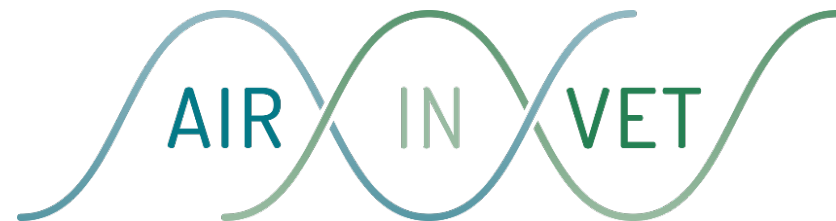
INTERVIEW PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Project name: Applied and Innovative Research in Vocational Education and Training (AIRinVET)

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Introduction

Dear participant,

We invite you to participate in the AIRinVET project with an interview by our regional researchers. This sheet provides an overview of the project and aims to inform your decision on whether to participate in the interview. Please read this sheet carefully and ask all the questions you might have. Your consent to be interviewed is completely voluntary. By participating in the interview, you are indicating that you have read the description of the study, are over the age of 18, and that you agree to the terms as described.

Organisers of the project

The AIRinVET project has received funding from the Erasmus+ program "Partnerships for Innovation – Forward Looking Projects". It is coordinated by [TKNIKA](http://www.tknika.eu) – Departamento de educación del Gobierno Vasco (Spain). The consortium consists of eight project partners: [EURASHE](http://www.eurashe.eu) (Belgium), [Berufliche Hochschule Hamburg](http://www.berufliche-hochschule-hamburg.de) (Germany), [Hanse-Parlament](http://www.hanse-parlament.de) (Germany), [KATAPULT](http://www.katapult.nl) (Netherlands), [ISSO](http://www.issso.nl) – TECHNIEK NEDERLAND (Netherlands), [AFM](http://www.afm.nl) – Cluster for Advanced & Digital Manufacturing (Spain) and [IMH](http://www.imh.es) – Advanced and Digital Manufacturing Campus (Spain). The project is supported by 33 associated partners from the strategic triangle of applied research and VET/HVET.

Purpose of the project

The objective of AIRinVET is to define the role of VET in R&D by proposing a European reference framework for AR in VET. In order to do this, we want to understand and learn from already existing experiences and activities. This framework will help European countries and regions to build more competitive innovation systems.

Concrete results will be:

1. Mapping of VET centres involved in AR in Europe and abroad.
2. Collection of case studies to explain, describe, evaluate, and understand different approaches to do AR in VET.
3. Analysis of AR activities in different policy contexts in Europe.
4. Identification of financial models of AR in VET.
5. Creation of a glossary to clarify the meaning of the term "applied research", and other terms related to R&D, in the context of VET.
6. Report on main barriers and enablers to engage SMEs in AR in VET.
7. Development of tools for VET staff and teachers' mind-sets for AR.
8. Creation of a framework for building the capacity of VET systems to work on AR projects.

About the interview

In order to understand existing activities in the applied research in VET field, we will interview different stakeholders from various countries. The interviews will last approximately one hour and will be held in person or online according to semi-structured guidelines.

You may find the overview of topics below:

1. Organisation structure and activities
2. Value proposition
3. Research methods
4. Outputs and assessment
5. Resources
6. Context and policies
7. Funding and revenue streams
8. Engagement of SMEs and other stakeholders

We would like to use the insights from the interview for a mapping study. You may indicate in the consent form whether your institution would like to appear as a study case or not. The interview will be recorded (and transcribed) to help to accurately capture your insights in your own words. The recordings (and transcriptions) will only be used internally for the purpose of this study. Thank you for your cooperation.

Benefits and risks of participation

Intangible benefits of your participation are to contribute to the prospective and pragmatic understanding of applied research in VET. Together with the other interviewees, your insights will contribute to improving opportunities and conceptions of applied research in VET, in the context of your sector and in the European Union, developing mutual understanding between the different communities and, potentially shaping the way the EU addresses applied research in VET.

No risk or inconvenience is foreseen. No direct personal benefit or payment is offered for your participation in this study.

Privacy and confidentiality

You have the right to withdraw from the study at any time. In the event you choose to withdraw from the study all information you provide (including tapes) will be destroyed. Insights gathered by you and other participants will be used in writing a qualitative impact analysis report. Though direct quotes from you may be used in the report, your name and other identifying information will be kept anonymous.

Contact persons

In case of any question, request, or complaint regarding your role as participant in this interview, you may reach out to us via email: info@airinvet.eu

By participating in the interview, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the information above. You are aware that you can discontinue your participation in the study at any time.



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