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ReferNet, the Cedefop European network of expertise on VET

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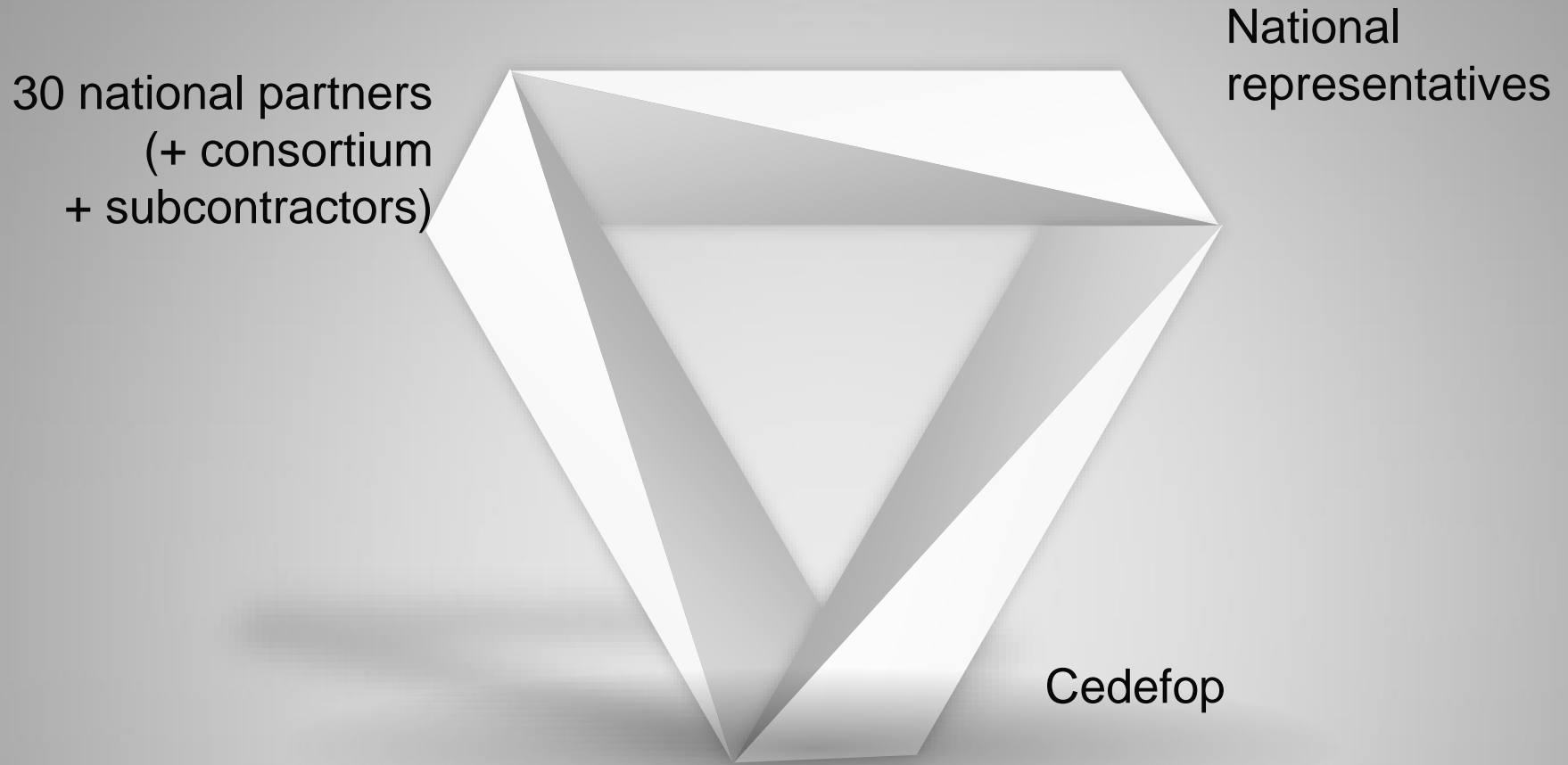
ReferNet network



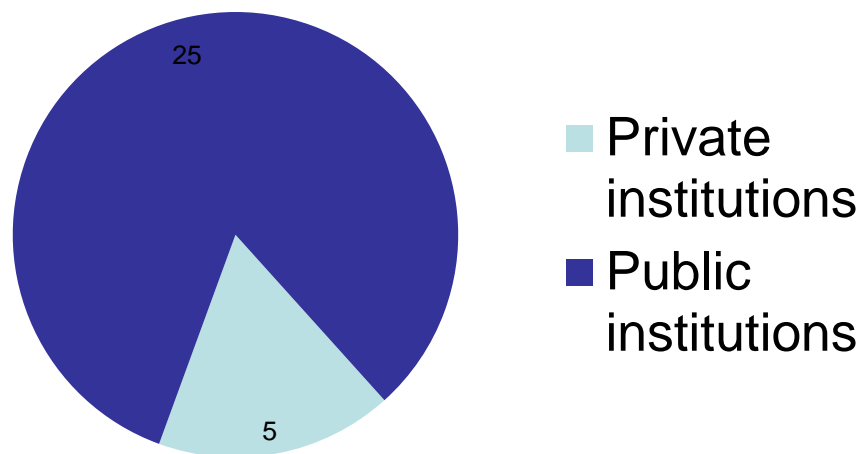
Milestones

- ✚ 2002: Documentary network
- ✚ 2008-11: 1st Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) – grant/broader work plan/consortium/national representative
- ✚ 2010: Internal evaluation
- ✚ 2012-15: 2nd FPA (focused on reporting)
- ✚ 2016-19: 3rd FPA (validation/quality tools)
- ✚ 2016: External evaluation

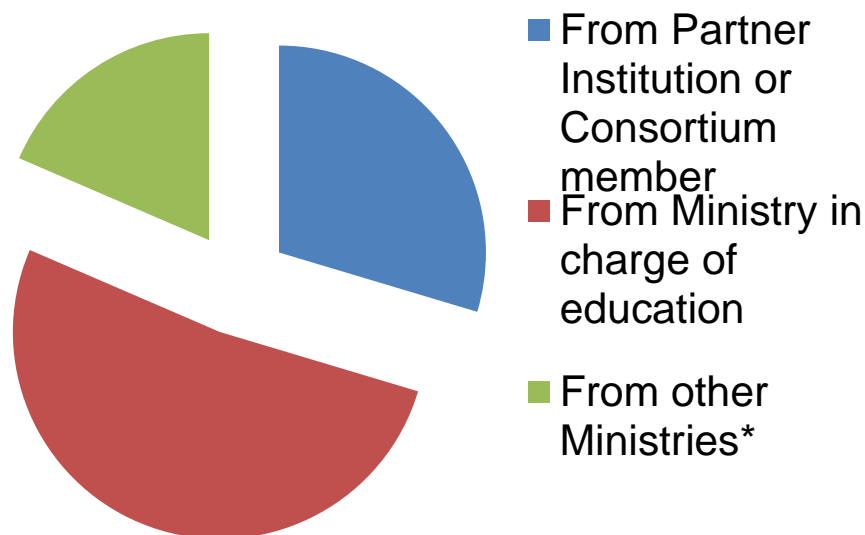
ReferNet actors' triangle - interaction?



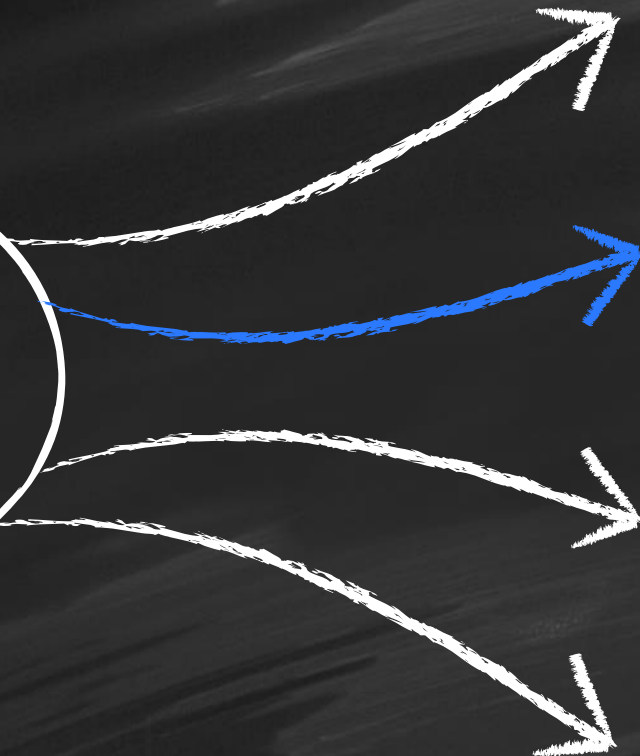
ReferNet national partners



National representatives



*Other Ministries: Ministries in charge of labour and social policies, employment, labour market and social affairs, national economy or Business, Innovation and Skills



SGA 2016

SGA 2017

SGA 2018

SGA 2019



FPA (Open Call for proposals) selection criteria

👍 Partner institution

👍 Regular contacts (last 5 years) with national/international institutions involved in VET or VET-related policy, research and practice

👍 Projects similar in scope / reports

👍 Estimated proportion of subcontracting

FPA selection criteria (coordinator)

- 👍 Team coordinator: **5 years of experience** in
 - 👍 managing similar projects
 - 👍 Conducting policy analysis or research or evaluation of programmes and policies in VET, LLL, employment/LM issues
 - 👍 English C1

FPA selection criteria (team)

- 👍 Team: 3 years of experience (together) in
 - 👍 collecting data
 - 👍 monitoring and reporting on VET syst./policies
 - 👍 analysing/synthesising large amounts of information
 - 👍 drafting reports on VET syst./pol. for publicat.
- 👍 Team members: English C1

FPA award criteria

- 👍 (Based on the annual work plan or a scenario)
- 👍 National cooperation (variety/relevance of stakeholders, methodology for cooperation)
- 👍 Letter of support by national authorities
- 👍 Work organisation, division of roles in the team, sources of information
- 👍 Quality assurance
- 👍 Risk analysis and contingency measures

SGA (negotiated procedure) selection criteria

- 👍 Consistency of the proposal with Cedefop specifications and expected deliverables
- 👍 Timeliness and compliance with timetable
- 👍 Amount of the grant requested not exceeding ceiling amount and percentage set by Cedefop

Grant

- Co-funding: Cedefop's co-financing rate may not exceed 70 % of the eligible cost. Maximum amounts are further limited by country groups.
- Eligibility of costs
- **Control** (national audit + ex-ante operational and financial verification + ex-post control)

ReferNet grants by country group

Country group	Maximum grant amount
Country group 1: Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta , Slovenia, Iceland ^α	EUR 23 615 ^α
Country group 2: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Norway ^α	EUR 33 625 ^α
Country group 3: France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom ^α	EUR 43 620 ^α

Work plan

1

VET
policy
reporting
and
National
news on
VET

Reporting on
policy

2

Vet in
Europe
interactiv
e tool +
Spotlight
and
Short
Descripti
on only
for
Presiden
cy
countries

Reporting
on systems

3

Article
on LT
internatio
nal
mobility
of
apprentic
es + 2
Ad-hoc
activities

Thematic
support

4

National
ReferNet
website,
social
media
and
other
actions

Visibility
actions

Quality tools

- 👍 Validation by the ‘national representative’
- 👍 Peer review
- 👍 Feedback by Cedefop experts
- 👍 Visibility of outcomes
- 👍 Communication (at individual and network level)
 - Meetings (Plenary, Partnership forums, Workshops [Terminology, drafting, assistance to newcomers...], induction meetings)
 - Extranet



Thank you for your attention!

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