

# ECVET and SMaRT Mobility

THIS FACTSHEET PROVIDES AN INSIGHT INTO THE CONCEPT OF SMART MOBILITY, CONFIRMING HOW THIS ALIGNS WITH THE BROADER PRINCIPLES OF ECVET.



## What is SMaRT Mobility?

- ☞ SMaRT Mobility is a new concept based on *Strategic* and *Meaningful* mobility as a means of delivering learning that is both *Recognisable* and *Transferable*;
- ☞ SMaRT Mobility is consistent with the goals and principles of ECVET which aims to support the transfer, recognition and (where appropriate) accumulation of individuals' learning outcomes with a view to achieving a qualification.

## Why is SMaRT Mobility Needed?

- ☞ VET mobility is entering a new era in which it is important to balance the benefits of physical mobility with ambitions for supporting digital and climate transition;
- ☞ VET mobility continues to provide a means of international and global engagement for the current and future workforce;
- ☞ VET mobility provides a means of developing people skills, that are especially valuable in this new digital age.

## What is Needed to Deliver SMaRT Mobility?

- ☞ **STRATEGIC:** there is an expectation, in these changing times, for VET mobility to feature among higher-level development goals for the participating institutions, either directly or as part of a broader internationalisation strategy;
- ☞ **MEANINGFUL:** it is important that all stakeholders are aware of the value and importance of VET mobility, including learners, teachers and (future) employers;
- ☞ **RECOGNISABLE:** assessment steps and evidencing processes need to be clear for all parties, as should the responsibilities of the different mobility actors in ensuring the recognition of learning achievement;
- ☞ **TRANSFERABLE:** all involved parties should understand the value and transferability of learning delivered as part of a work (or study) placement abroad; it is also important for learners to be able to communicate their newly-acquired knowledge and skills to wider audiences.

### POINTS TO NOTE

SMaRT Mobility is a new concept yet one which naturally complements the core goals and principles of ECVET.

Whilst learning mobility provides an invaluable opportunity for personal, linguistic and intercultural development, it is important to ensure that all actors recognise the value and importance of the mobility experience.

Recognition and transfer are important steps and will allow wider appreciation of the acquired knowledge and skills.