



Collaborating for Better Training: Shared Perspectives on Leadership in Vocational Education and Training (VET)

CONCEPT NOTE

FEDE WEBINAR ON 18 MARCH 2025, FROM 14:00 TO 15:15 (PARIS TIME)

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- A partner of the Council of Europe, UNESCO, and the International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF), the Federation for European Education (FEDE) is an international NGO that brings together nearly 500 higher education and vocational training institutions based in 43 countries, mainly in Europe and Africa.
- As a member of the [European Federation of Education Employers \(EFEE\)](#), the FEDE contributes to the European social dialogue alongside education sector unions and the European Commission.
- Both an international educational federation and a private certifying body, the FEDE designs and delivers diplomas and professional certifications tailored to the current needs of the labour market and societal challenges. Its innovative educational content aims to train competent professionals and engaged citizens capable of addressing social, economic, and environmental challenges.

Context

As one of the eleven key partners in the Erasmus+ project [“Educational Leadership Network Europe” \(ELNE\)](#), the FEDE is actively involved in promoting the concept of educational leadership across Europe. In this context, it highlights the values it upholds: access to quality education for all, democracy, the rule of law, intercultural dialogue, gender equality, respect for human rights, and sustainable development.

The ELNE project is co-funded by the EU and aims to gather, develop, and disseminate best practices in educational leadership to reduce school dropout rates, improve the well-being of students, teachers, and school leaders, and accelerate the digital transformation of educational institutions, particularly through the ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools.

As part of the ELNE project, the FEDE will host a bilingual French-English videoconference [on Tuesday, 18 March 2025, from 14:00 to 15:15 \(Paris time\)](#), titled *‘Collaborating for Better Training: Shared Perspectives on Leadership in Vocational Education and Training (VET)’*.

This event is part of the EFEE Education Month 2025 and explores how vocational training, situated at the intersection of education and business, can become a powerful driver for enhancing collaborative approaches. By combining the strengths of training institutions and businesses as learning environments, it aims to highlight the importance of shared leadership in addressing the current challenges of education and training.

General Objectives

- Explore different approaches to collaborative leadership, particularly in the context of vocational education and training, by giving a voice to various stakeholders in the education and training sector;
- Strengthen connections between stakeholders in the education sector and civil society organisations, including businesses, to promote collaborative approaches;
- Enhance participants’ understanding of collaborative leadership and inspire concrete initiatives to strengthen synergies;
- Foster innovation in the education sector by demonstrating how learning environments can contribute to the development of transversal, professional, and civic skills.

The key objective of this webinar is to deepen the understanding of collaborative leadership in the context of vocational training and to highlight its role as a crucial driver of personal development, professional success, and the advancement of citizenship skills. By bringing together the perspectives of various stakeholders, this event will explore how a collaborative approach can address the current needs of learners while fostering innovation and adaptability in a constantly evolving world.

This event aims to bring together several dozen participants, including academic leaders, school heads, and FEDE learners, as well as representatives from civil society organisations, particularly those involved in the ELNE project.

Key Issues

The speakers who will share their views on collaborative leadership in vocational education and training (VET), will explore issues such as:

- How to approach collaborative leadership in the context of vocational education and training? Why is it essential in this particular context?
- What are the specific challenges of educational leadership in vocational education and training?
- How do best practices in educational leadership enable more effective learning?
- What role and importance does the business, as a learning environment, play in the development of collaborative leadership?
- How can collaborative leadership be fostered and developed at all levels of a training institution? How can collaborative leadership transform a school into a true "learning community"?
- How does educational leadership contribute to the development of citizenship skills in learners?
- What are the main barriers to the development of educational collaborative leadership, and how can they be overcome?

Speakers

- **Céline DEGRAVE** - Director of the Terra Institute in Paris, specialising in Education for sustainable development (ESD)
- **Laure DUPRE-GARNIER** - Associate Director of the ALFAE business and management school in Clermont-Ferrand
- **Isabelle MALLECOURT** - Associate Director of the ALFAE business and management school in Clermont-Ferrand and Head of Human Resources
- **Litza SOLIS** - Head of international relations at ESTC Marseille and designer of intercultural educational tools
- **Marinca CORDONI** - Holder of a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom

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