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The Catalan Dual System

The Catalan Dual VET System and its internationalization

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Definition

- A dual VET project is a collaboration between a company or organization and a VET school
- Student combines school-based training and workplace training during his/her academic career
- This workplace training is remunerated and has laboral and academic recognitions
- We are recovering the figures of the apprentice and the apprenticeship





Where does it apply?

- Training and Employment Programmes (aka PFI)
 o Levels 1-2 EQF
 - 500h in a company apprenticeship placement
- Intermediate VET Programmes (*aka* CFPM)
 - o Levels 3-4 EQF
 - 0 1000h in a company apprenticeship placement
- Higher VET Programmes (*aka* CFPS)
 - o Level 5 EQF
 - o 1000h in a company apprenticeship placement





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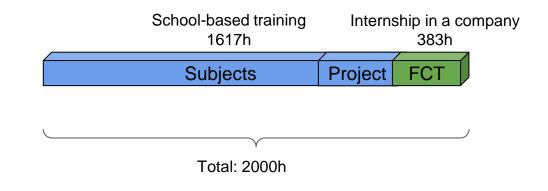
EQF = European Qualifications Framework



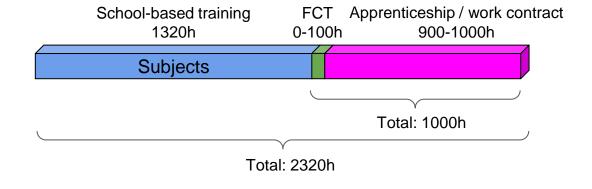


Example

CFPS Designing in Mechanical Manufacturing Ordinary VET curriculum



CFPS Designing in Mechanical Manufacturing Dual VET curriculum







Example of school-based learning timetable

CFPS Designing in Mechanical Manufacturing Ordinary VET curriculum

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	
S3	S4	S3	S4	S3	
S5	S6	S5	S6	S5	
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CFPS Designing in Mechanical Manufacturing Dual VET curriculum

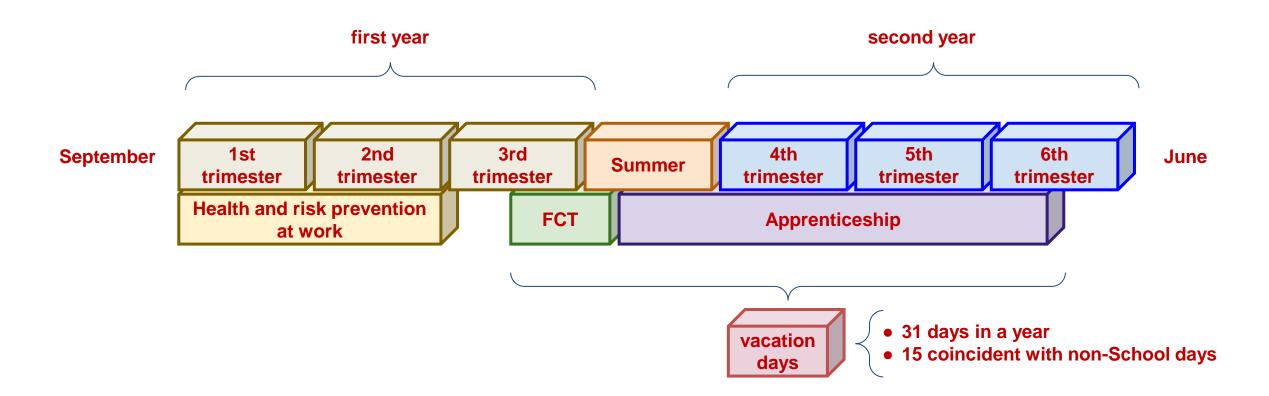
> Helps to combine acadèmic activity with the apprenticeship in the company/organization

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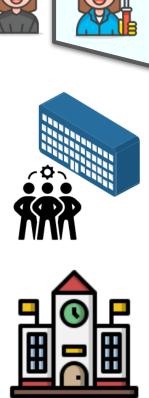


Typical timeline





But... why? **SR**



The apprentice

- Develops his/her skill in a real work environment
- Acquires longer and recognized work experience
- Academic recognition allows a better combination of academic and professional lives

The company

- Identification and recruitment of talent
- Increases competitiveness by optimizing recruitment
- Plays an active role in the educative system
- Exercises it social responsibility by fighting unemployment

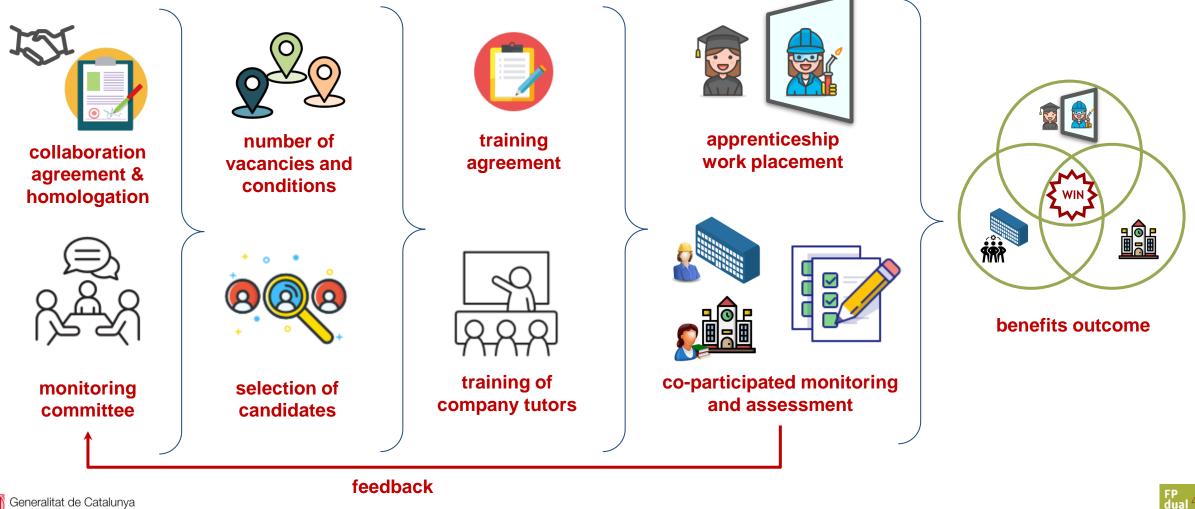
The VET School

- Increases and improves relationships with companies
- Enhances the exchange of knowledge between both
- Students become more satisfied with their school
- Improves the teaching and learning process





General steps in a dual VET project



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The way the student gets remunerated. Two options:

A work contract

- Several types of contracts are possible
- Remuneration depends on the type of contract
- Some types have tax benefits or reductions
- Long term ROI¹ for the company, specially if they hire the student at the end

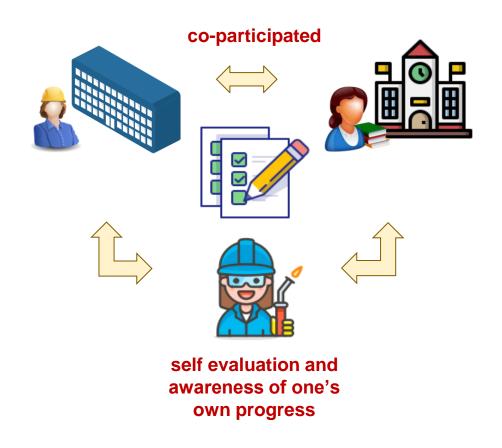
A company grant

- Small remuneration compared to contracts
- Its regulation is out of labour laws
- Short term ROI¹ for the company





Monitoring and assessment







Monitoring and assessment



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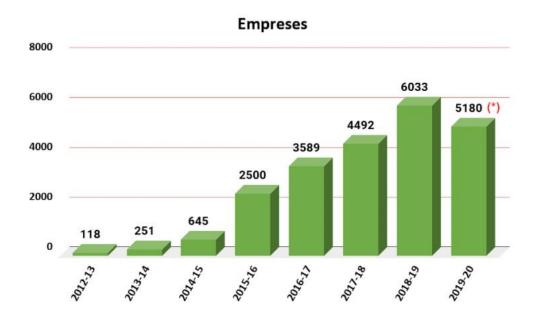


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Evolution of the programme





(*) SARS-CoV-2 affectation





Presentation of the programme



Workplacements in foreign companies

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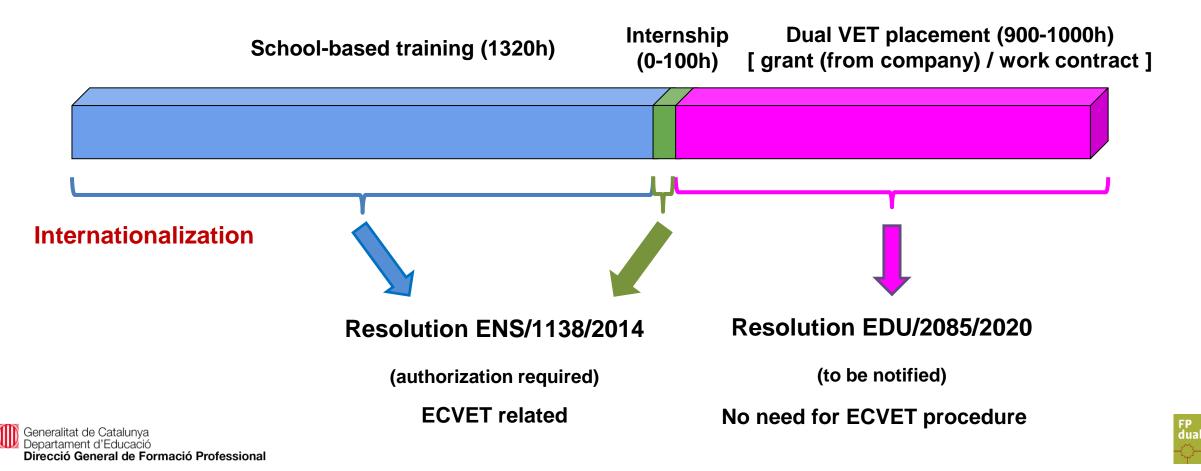




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Scope and relationships with other programmes

Typical dual VET curriculum



Regulatory issues (Resolution EDU/2085/2020)

- **Department of Education (DGFPIERE)** has to be informed before the beginning of the project about:
 - O The nominal list of students
 - The name of the company and the locality and country of the workplace
 - The planned dual training period
- Regulatory issues from the hosting country apply in addition
- A travel assistance insurance must be taken out
- School must guarantee monitoring, assessment and grading of students by both School and company tutors. Tutoring actions from the School will be telematic.
- Working place has to be homologated (remotely procedures are available)
- If academic recognitions are included, procedure in Resolution ENS/1138/2014 has to be applied:
 - Authorisation from the Department of Education (DGFPIERE) has to be previously approved
 - Application must explicitly include monitoring, assessment and grading of students procedures





Organisation of the proposed programme

 Different options depending on the company's needs
 a) International dual VET programme spent entirely abroad (all the dual placement is spent abroad)

a) Combined international dual VET programme (part spent at a company in Catalonia and the rest abroad)









Combination with academic programmes (Resolution ENS/1138/2014 and others)

- It is also possible to approve studies abroad through:
 - Mobilities / ECVET system



ECVET

European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training

• e-learning







So... how to begin?

- 1. A School and a company abroad establish contact and set up possible work placements
- 2. Partnership is formalised and then they notify / apply for approval from the DGFP



3. Once approved, they begin with the general procedure taking into account the additional requirements for international projects







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