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The Netherlands

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Implementation of the national commitment

Progress and main achievements

Apart from school based VET ('bol'), the Netherlands also has implemented a work based learning path in VET ('bbl'), in which 120.700 apprentices took part during 2018.

The number of apprentices is increasing since 2016, while in previous years due to the recession, the numbers had dropped slightly under 100,000.

No major reforms were planned or have been implemented as the system seems to be working quite well. Research shows that students graduating in the work based learning path, have a slightly better chance of finding a job at the appropriate level, compared to students graduating in the school based learning path. ([click here for link to research](#))

Update of the national commitment

Planned reforms and initiatives

Companies – especially those in sectors with a shortage of (future) staff - can obtain a subsidy of up to around EUR 2 700 per student per year if they host apprentices (after their placement), providing the subsidy ceiling of EUR 196.8 million allows.

Grants are based on a government regulation (**‘Subsidieregeling Praktijkleren’** **‘SPL’**) which is based on the Act on Vocational and Adult Education (**‘Wet educatie en beroepsonderwijs’** (Web)).

An extra amount of € 10.5 million a year has been made available to strengthen the SPL for the years 2020 – 2025. The aim is to support students in three sectors that heavily rely on seasons labour and could use and incentive: hospitality, tourism and agriculture.

Targets and/or indicators

One of the targets of success is to have as many work based learning placements and apprenticeships as possible. Last year the available budget for subsidies was totally used. In this sense, reforms have so far proven successful.

Budget of the reform / initiative

The available budget is € 196,8 million per year, plus 10,5 million per year (2020 – 2025). No EU-funding will be accessed for the implementation of these initiatives.

Key stakeholders involved

Representatives of VET-institutions and social partners (organisations of employers and employees) are working together as part of the Foundation for Collaboration between VET and the Business World ('Stichting samenwerking Beroepsonderwijs – Bedrijfsleven' or 'SBB'). They define the qualifications granted for both VET learning paths. SBB also accredits educational bodies.

Further measures planned as a follow up to the European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships

None. The national system was already in place and is working quite well, especially now that the Dutch economy is performing well.

