Denmark - Pool for development and testing of teaching courses on vocational training and labour market education within green transition and sustainability

Title of inspiring practice	Pool for development and testing of teaching courses on vocational training and labour market education within green transition and sustainability ("Pulje til udvikling og afprøvning af undervisningsforløb på erhvervs- og arbejdsmarkedsuddannelser inden for grøn omstilling og bæredygtighed")
Geographical area	Denmark, local level. Providers of vocational training make up the field of applicants.
Period of implementation	The project started in September 2022 and is expected to end on 31 December 2025. The grant recipients must submit their reports on the project's results to the ministry no later than 31 March 2026.
Rationale	The pool supports the development and testing of teaching courses giving students the competences on green transition. The pool can be applied to all providers of vocational education and labour market education.
	The example is relevant for others because pooled funds can be a catalyst for local projects that support green transition. After the end of the project period, the projects can serve as inspiration for other schools and potentially contribute to lasting changes.
Scope of the practice	Initial Vocational Training.
Educational level	Level 3-4 (EQF level 3-4)
Introduction and context	On 6 April 2022, the government entered an agreement with a number of political parties with the goal of supporting respectively the sector of vocational training (VET) and labour market education in their green transition and climate adaptation by ensuring the availability of strong "green" educational offers in the field of VET and labour market educations.
	The political agreement focuses on both the broad purpose of green transition across all sectors and, more narrowly defined, on the sectors expected to contribute particularly to the green transition.
	One of the agreement's initiatives consists of a pool for the development and testing of teaching courses on vocational training and labour market education focusing on green transition and sustainability. This pool relies on DKK 38.3 million for the distribution.
	Key stakeholders: VET providers and professional committees.
	The objective of the practice is to support the development and testing of teaching courses that contribute to students in the vocational education and labour market education gaining competences in climate adaptation and green transition
	Among other things, the teaching courses can support competences in recycling, energy production and sustainable materials.
Key activities and outcomes	Detailed instructions have been drawn up for the applicants on terms and conditions for the pool.
	When the funds are distributed among the selected applicants, the project period starts.
	During the project, a status report must be submitted. Finally, grant recipients must send a description of the course developed and a final report.
	The course developed must be able to be used by or inspire other providers of vocational education and labour market education.
	The ministry may decide to carry out an external evaluation of the pool but it has not been decided yet. The ministry can also choose to publish all or parts of the projects.

	Grant recipients must also be willing to participate in oral and/or written communication of project results.
Other information	https://eng.uvm.dk/upper-secondary-education/vocational-education-and-training-in-denmark
Contacts and sources	Ministry of Children and Education, Denmark. Link to the political agreement: https://www.uvm.dk/aktuelt/nyheder/uvm/2022/apr/220406-ny-aftale-100-millioner-kroner-til-groen-efteruddannelse-og-opkvalifice
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