

Leonardo in the European Union's Lifelong Learning Programme 2007 - 2013

The **Leonardo da Vinci programme** is part of the European Commission's new Lifelong Learning Programme and is designed to build a skilled workforce through European partnerships. **Leonardo** funds overseas work placements and the development of training materials with the objective of improving the provision of Vocational Education and Training (VET) across Europe.

Leonardo focuses on raising the quality and relevance of VET, and this is an exciting opportunity for organisations involved in VET to build European partnerships, exchange best practice, increase the expertise of their staff and develop the skills of learners.

What can you do?

Mobility for learners and trainees

You can send trainees and people in the labour market to another European country for a work placement to enable them to gain real experience and skills in employment.

Placements for VET professionals

Staff can take part in short work placements to learn from European colleagues. A placement will contribute to their personal development, and they will be able to learn new skills and ways of working to bring back to their job in the UK.

Partnerships for the development and transfer of training

You can build on the best practice in VET from Europe by participating in European partnerships to produce innovative training materials. Projects will focus on customising training materials for the needs of learners and businesses in the partner countries. You will be able to develop the training that businesses need.

Can you take part?

Leonardo is open to all organisations involved in VET. We're keen to widen participation in the programme and to encourage disadvantaged groups to take advantage of these new funding opportunities.

When are the deadlines?

The next deadline for Leonardo applications is **30 March 2007**. There will be a deadline every year so even if you miss this one you will still be able to develop your ideas and apply for funding at a later date.

Want to find out more?

For more information about **Leonardo** and details of how to find European partners visit www.leonardo.org.uk or contact ECOTEC's Leonardo team on [0845 199 2929](tel:08451992929) and leonardo@ecotec.com.

