

How do I learn more?

If you want to learn more about all the advantages of engaging in an educational partnership, you can find practical examples and models of cooperation in the catalogue “Education is Partnership. A collection of best practices in inclusive VET Education” at www.intercollege.info/about/publications

You can also talk with your local vocational education institutions. There are as many models as there are partnerships. It is up to you and the school to develop a model that fits you best.



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What is an Educational Partnership?

An Educational Partnership is a practice developed in Denmark by companies and production schools (pre-vocational schools) with the aim of offering a practice-oriented education to young people with educational challenges. The partnerships, however, have a much broader potential and can target almost all groups of students in vocational education and training.

How does it work?

There are many models of educational partnerships. Common for all is that the students are working for your company solving tasks for you. In some partnerships, the work is conducted on the premises of your company, in other partnerships the task is solved on the premises of the school.

What is in it for us?

Your benefits largely depend on your sector and the model of the partnership. Here is, however, some advantages to be part of an educational partnership:

Contribution to a new generation of professionals

An educational partnership can strengthen your image as a socially responsible company.

“Giving back to society” or “cooperate social responsibility” are aims that many companies strive for. With an educational partnership, your company takes social responsibility to the next level, engaging in the education of the new generation, but without the financial costs that other strategies may imply.

Latest knowledge and know-how inhouse

An educational partnership will not only bring students but also highly qualified teachers into your company. Often companies have experienced that they, through the partnership, have developed their systems and routines making them more efficient or improving the quality of their product or service.

Recruitment base

With an educational partnership, you do not need to engage any external company to help you recruit. Your future employees are already in your company and you are free to choose the best after their graduation.

A better visibility on the market

An educational partnership strengthens your contact network to the local society. Remember that each of the student who works in the company have friends and family. Customers are more likely to choose a company where their friends or relatives are working. This gives you a stronger and larger customer base.

What does it require from our company?

As with any other partnership, an educational partnership requires that you dedicate time. The school and the students depend on your inputs and instructions. The number of hours needed for the partnership depends on your company, the complexity of the task and the model of the partnership.

