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- 8 countries
- 19 partners:
  - 10 Industry representatives
  - 6 Universities
  - 3 VET providers

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# AEQUALIS4TCLF

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**Creating more Sustainable and Innovative TCLF Industries  
with Thriving Skilled People**

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## Background and Project Description

*AEQUALIS4TCLF* is the third Erasmus+ Blueprint project on education modernisation in the Textile, Clothing, Leather and Footwear (TCLF) industries in Europe. The *Skills4Smart TCLF Industries 2030* Blueprint (January 2018 - June 2022) constituted the first step into a dynamic, sustainable VET community of diverse private/public actors committed to supporting skills development. It was followed by the *METASKILLS4TCLF* project (Sept. 2023-August 2027) aimed at updating the former project outcomes such as the EU skills strategy, curricula and contents responding to the rapid technological changes that followed the COVID-19 pandemic, the inclusion of High Education and Lifelong Learning, and the promotion of regional TCLF Pact for Skills. In addition, it updates the previously developed skills partnership and adds three more to a total of 11 national skills strategies.

*AEQUALIS4TCLF* project complements the previous Blueprints by extending the geographical scope to other eighth countries in Europe, and thus increase the cooperation capacity in education accross Europe. while anticipating and responding to new skills gaps with innovative educational multi-level resources.

Furthermore, the project emphasises safety and equality in the sectors and address the specific needs of migrant workers in certain countries.

## Objectives

- Unify Europe in skilling and reskilling the TCLF workforce by expanding the geographical scope of the two other Blueprint projects from 11 to 18 countries in Europe.
- Establish skills partnerships accross Europe to ensure effective collaboration among relevant stakeholders.
- Increase private and public investments in TCLF VET and high education.
- Development of 8 national skills strategies addressing skills gaps in the TCLF industries that respond to companies latest skills needs in the transition to a more sustainable and circular economy.
- Development and implementation of regional and local TCLF Pacts for Skills.

## Expected Outcomes

- Updated EU skills strategy and 8 national skills strategies.
- New curricula for upper and post-secondary VET and tertiary levels that address the green and digital skills needed .
- New learning materials and programmes aligned with new curricula, ensuring that the education and training programmes are more attractive and include more work-based learning.
- Higher social and safety standards at the workplace thanks to workshops and guidelines promoting social inclusion, safety of workers against discrimination and violence, improvement of productivity and competitiveness, and ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards.

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