

SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Swiss excellence in vocational education and training



## National structure – Regional presence – International network

The Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training SFIVET is Switzerland's expert organisation for vocational education and training.

We offer basic and continuing training to VET professionals, conduct VET research, contribute to the development of occupations and support international cooperation in vocational and professional education and training.

We have regional campuses in Zollikofen near Bern (main campus), Lausanne and Lugano as well as off-campus space in Olten and Zurich.



As a Swiss higher education institution, we are the trusted partner for all matters relating to vocational education and training today and in the future.

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### THE TRANS: FORMATION PROGRAMME

Digitalisation is changing the labour market and society. Learners need to be optimally prepared for their personal and professional future in a digital world. Vocational schools have the opportunity to create new, diverse and real-world learning opportunities and thereby improve the quality of their courses.

For vocational school teachers, this means adopting different approaches to lesson topics and using different pedagogical means to develop new didactic concepts. However, digital media should be introduced to classrooms sensibly, with the educational benefits to learners in mind. Thus, learners will experience new forms of skills acquisition and develop crosscutting competences.

For vocational schools, digital transformation means creating a framework for media-based learning by adapting both the infrastructure and the organisational and administrative processes. Each vocational school is different and therefore requires an individual digitalisation strategy and tailor-made support based on that strategy.

Through our trans:formation programme, we help vocational schools to seize the opportunities offered by digitalisation and overcome associated challenges. Our programme includes three freely combinable services: the Digi-Check, project support and continuing training courses. The associated costs are paid by the Confederation.

# Needs of school management and teachers Project support

### Digi-Check

The Digi-Check is a tailor-made workshop intended to enable vocational school management and staff to assess the current level of digital skills and identify current and future needs in this area. The Digi-Check provides useful insights regardless of how much progress a vocational school has made with regards to digital transformation.

### **Project support**

We provide project support tailored to the needs of vocational schools, either for existing digitalisation projects or for specific transformation projects. The focus of project support is determined on an individual basis in collaboration with each vocational school.

### **Continuing training courses**

Continuing training courses for vocational school teachers are designed with current and future needs in mind.

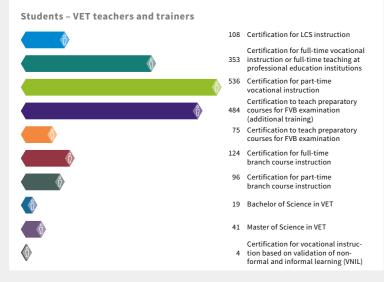
Like project support, these training courses can also be individually tailored to suit the needs of each vocational school. Courses may be provided for all teaching staff at a given vocational school, or for only teachers responsible for a chosen area of study, or for specific groups of teachers.

### **BASIC TRAINING**

With a total of 26 federally recognised study programmes, each year we train over 1,700 vocational school teachers and workplace trainers in three linguistic regions of Switzerland. We also offer study programmes for the BSc and MSc in Vocational Education and Training for those wishing to become experts in VET. The academic qualifications awarded upon completion of these two study programmes are based on Bologna Process standards. Our basic training stands out through the following:

- Close alignment of theory and practice with forward-looking innovations (bilingual instruction, use of ICTs, flipped classroom, etc.)
- Individual guidance, support and orientation over the entire duration of studies
- Prior learning and needs of students are taken into consideration
- Access to formal qualifications through the validation of prior learning
- Strong chances of completing studies thanks to close cooperation between all of the persons and institutions involved in the study programme

### www.sfivet.swiss/basic-training



SFIVET is the go-to organisation in Switzerland for enquiries from abroad and for international cooperation. We maintain close ties with national and international partners from the private sector and the research community. Each year we receive a large number of foreign delegations interested in the Swiss vocational and professional education and training system. There is

international demand for Swiss expertise, whether it be for VET projects or for training through the training programmes offered by SFIVET's 'Swiss Inter-

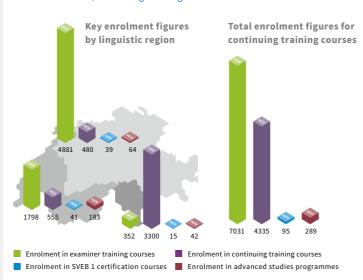
### **CONTINUING TRAINING DIVISION**

We offer practical and scientifically backed advanced studies programmes and modules (for the CAS, DAS, MAS) as well as individualised courses on the following topics:

- Occupational field and vocational Multilingualism didactics
- Leadership
- Media-based teaching and learning
- Migration
- Recognition and validation of non-formal and informal learning
- Testing and evaluation

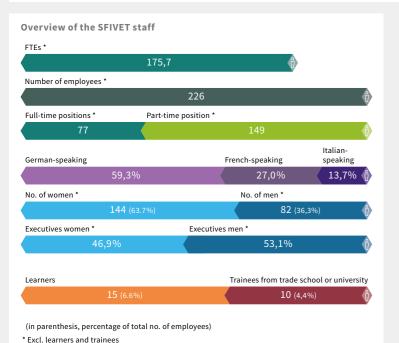
Through coaching and consulting, we can help you to develop your personality and potential. We have a strong presence in the region and a solid national and international network. We provide services to all those involved in teaching, evaluation, management and guidance in the field of vocational education and training. These services can be provided either directly in person or through videoconferencing.

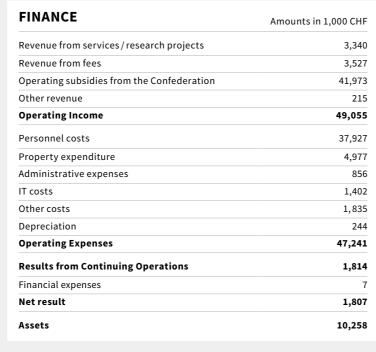
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### national VET Academy'. www.sfivet.swiss/academy

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** 





### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

We examine existing correlations between the education system and the labour market, thus greatly contributing to analysis, optimisation and improvement of vocational education and training in Switzerland.

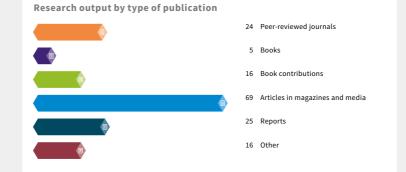
### Research areas

- 1: Teaching and Learning within the VPET System
- 2: Integration in VPET and the Labour Market
- 3: Strategic Planning of VET

### The Swiss Observatory for Vocational Education and Training (OBS SFIVET)

identifies, monitors and analyses social, economic and technological developments that have an impact on vocational education and training.

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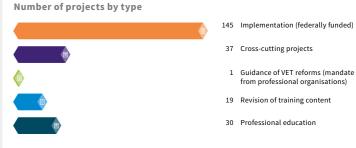


# CENTRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OCCUPATIONS

The Centre for the Development of Occupations (CDO) provides professional organisations with pedagogical and methodological support covering all stages of development of occupations both for upper-secondary level vocational education and training and tertiary level professional education. Emphasis is placed on ensuring that the professional competences imparted within the Swiss VPET system match the needs of the labour market.

Our services also include customised workshops, project support/management and presentations on VET-related topics in three national languages of Switzerland. We also provide support to professional organisations and vocational schools in their digital transformation. SFIVET's Digi-Check workshops help our client organisations or institutions to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the digital age.

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