

Call for New Members

European Apprentices Network

Deadline: December 9, 2025

Who we are and why we are looking for new Members

The **European Apprentices Network** ([EAN](#)) is an **informal network of apprentice representatives, student organisations, and other bodies** related to apprenticeships and Vocational Education and Training (VET) at the European level. The EAN was established in **2017** to ensure the **voices** of apprentices and VET learners are **heard** in all discussions and policymaking processes that impact their lives.

In the past years, guided by its [7 Key Priorities](#), the **EAN** has been recognised as the **primary representative of apprentices** at the European level, [contributing to shaping EU policies](#) around the needs and interests of apprentices and learners, [conducting research](#), and [acting as a networking and cooperation platform](#) for its members.

In **2025**, the theme of the **Annual Meeting** was “*Revitalising Apprentice Representation in Europe*”. As part of the efforts to reach such a goal, the EAN has decided to launch a **Call for Applications**, in order to attract new organisations eager to bring **innovative, fresh perspectives** on EU VET policies. If that sounds like you, come join the EAN!

Who you are and what you will be doing

As an applying organisation, your organisation would commit to being a **permanent member** of the European Apprentices Network, nominate a **contact person** (someone who will attend online and offline meetings on your behalf) and **contribute** with your policies, ideas, and representation structures to the developments of other representative bodies at European and national level.

By participating, your organisation will gain the opportunity of being involved in a **unique platform for cooperation** and interaction with other stakeholders from all over Europe.

During the meetings and activities, you will be able to **discuss** with them challenges and struggles you are commonly facing and how to address them, **get insights** about

national VET and apprenticeship policies, and **discover** useful tools and best practices other organisations are applying. Moreover, you will be able to **participate** in consultations, drafting of documents and events the EAN is invited to. This allows you to **integrate your perspectives** and opinions into the efforts to shape European policies, and also to **gain visibility** at international level.

Criteria for application

Regarding your **organisation**, the fundamental criteria we request are:

- that you are an organisation operating at **European or national level**
- that you **represent** the interests of **VET learners and/or apprentices**, including young people
- that your representative structure is **democratic**, meaning that apprentices and VET learners have the possibility to be part of your leadership and decision-making bodies

As for your **contact person**, the fundamental criteria we request are:

- that they are **available to attend** online and offline **meetings** abroad
- that they are willing and have the capacity to meaningfully **contribute** to the work of the EAN **in-between physical meetings** through online platforms, and disseminate the EAN work to external stakeholders in your country and at European level
- that they are able to communicate in **English** at a conversational level
- that they are able to **share** policies, best practices and tools of their organisation with the EAN and to **bring back** the EAN discussions to their organisation

Selection process

The Selection process will be carried out by the **current EAN Coordinator** (at the moment the Organising Bureau of European School Student Union), together with the rest of the EAN Membership, on the basis of the aforementioned criteria and the motivation expressed in the application form.

In the selection process, special attention will be put on:

- Alignment with values of the EAN
- Gender balance
- Geographical balance

Contacts

Please feel free to contact us if you have any doubts about the call, writing to ean@obessu.org .

If you are interested in joining the EAN, please fill in the application form [here](#).