

TEI OP-VET at the 3rd Ghana-EU Business Forum 2025 (GHEUBF 2025)

20-21 May 2025 – Accra, Ghana (online presence)

Purpose

The main objective for the TEI OP-VET input at the GHEUBF 2025 is to present the programme to the audience, increase its visibility and **connect with the private sector** (PS) representatives present at the event, with a focus on agribusiness, pharmaceutical/health and energy.

Through these connections, TEI OP-VET aims to **stimulate exchange** among the industry representatives and VET actors about the **potential employment opportunities, skills gap and challenges** within the targeted value chains and to, by integrating the OP-VET approach into the sectoral investment discussions. In addition, TEI OP-VET will use the opportunity to **promote the TEI OP-VET and its services** to the event participants.

The GHEUBF will be TEI OP-VET's first participation in a bilateral Africa-EU Business Forum.

Outline of the session (*"TEI OP-VET: Unlocking the potential of skills development to support investments in Africa"*)

The TEI OP-VET team (2 speakers tbc) will host a **virtual session** for interested GHEUBF participants in order to **present the programme, its services and trademark approach as well as its set-up in a Team Europe approach**. The presentation will focus on the possible benefits and interests of stakeholders, particularly from the private sector, to engage with the TEI OP-VET.

The +/- 30 min presentation will be followed by a **Q&A session** open to all participants.

TEI OP-VET brief presentation

The regional **Team Europe Initiative Opportunity-driven Skills and Vocational Education and Training in Africa (TEI OP-VET)** is a five-year programme (2024-2029), officially launched in April 2024 during the Global Gateway High-Level Event on Education in Brussels. **Employment is the leading perspective of the programme**. By orienting VET and skills development towards **concrete and decent employment opportunities arising from investments and related value chain developments**, the programme addresses the skills dimension as integral component and enabler of investments under the Global Gateway. The programme is funded by the European Commission (€ 75 million) and Germany (BMZ) (€ 1.5 million) and is jointly implemented in a Team Europe approach by EDUFI, Enabel, Expertise France and GIZ.

The programme is structured around 3 pillars:

- 1. Request-based Technical Assistance (TA) Facility:** Support EUDs, EIB/EBRD, EU MS and their partners, including the private sector, to better (re)orient sector-specific or skills/VET interventions towards concrete employment opportunities, aligned with investment initiatives linked to Global Gateway priority areas in SSA.
- 2. Regional exchanges on Public-Private-Partnerships:** Increase exchange between the private sector, VET providers and the public sector on partnerships for opportunity-driven VET and skills development across Global Gateway priority areas in SSA.
- 3. Competitive Funding mechanism and facilitation of grant implementation:** Support opportunity-driven VET and skills projects in selected Global Gateway priority areas and related value chains in SSA fostering partnerships between private sector actors, VET providers and the public sector.

Activities under the TEI OP-VET will apply a gender-responsive lens and address marginalized groups for an inclusive and comprehensive approach to VET and skills development.