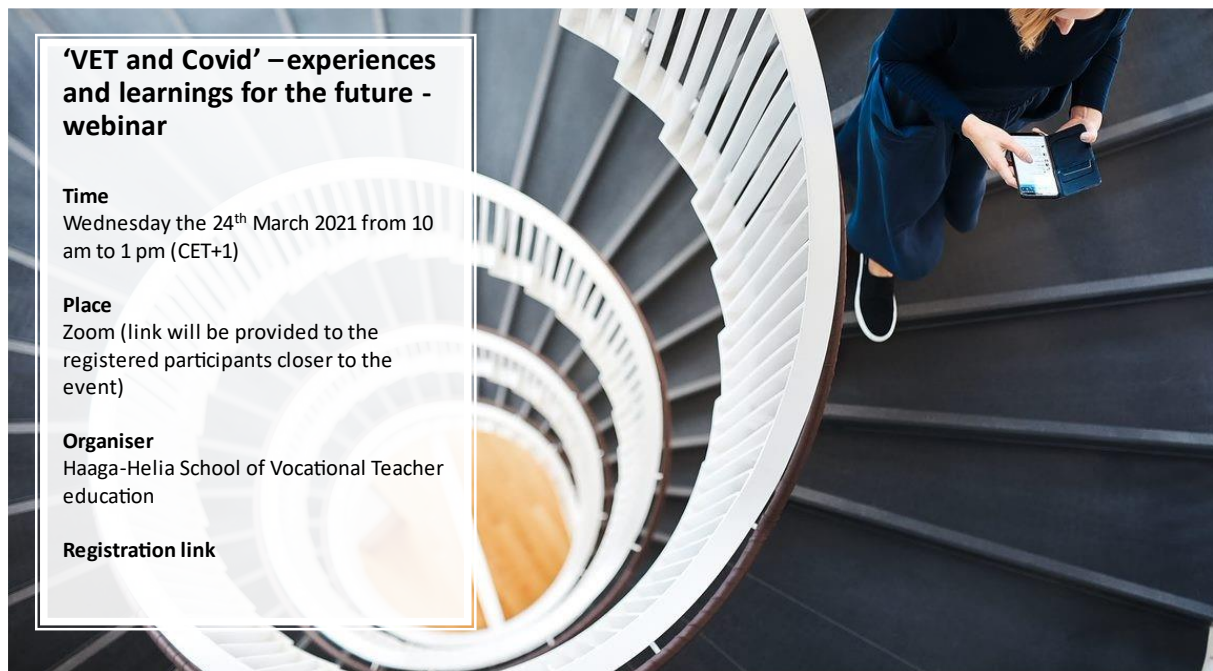


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In January 2020 we met our partners in Helsinki for the first time and agreed on the central aims and elements of the programme. Preparatory online meetings were scheduled in the course of 2020. The second mobility would take place in November 2020. Then, twelve teacher trainees from Giessen would job-shadow students at Haaga Helia, in order to take part in a competence-based program. The aim being to experience a concept of blended learning, personalized studies and peer group learning. The concept of digital counselling was going to be exported and customized to support and improve Hessian teacher training at vocational schools.

Due to the pandemic, no further mobilities have been possible after March 2020. Yet, in video conferences we were able to continue and strengthen our cooperation by discussing the situation of vocational education during the pandemic and Haaga's competence standards. Furthermore, we are grateful for the participation in an international webinar.



**‘VET and Covid’ – experiences and learnings for the future - webinar**

**Time**  
Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 from 10 am to 1 pm (CET+1)

**Place**  
Zoom (link will be provided to the registered participants closer to the event)

**Organiser**  
Haaga-Helia School of Vocational Teacher education

**Registration link**

## AGENDA

10-11.30

### Opening the event

Director Jari Laukia, Haaga -Helia School of Vocational Teacher education

### Presentations and discussion

**VET and Covid, case Finland.** Director Jari Laukia, Haaga - Helia School of Vocational Teacher education

**Online learning experiences in teacher studies.** Senior Lecturer David Mauffret in dialog with teacher student Carolina Bonatto, Haaga-Helia School of Vocational Teacher education

**Practical vocational training during Coronavirus pandemic - A Norwegian experience.** Associate professor Bjørn Eben and Professor Halvor Spetalen, OsloMet, Norway

**Open presentations, to be informed later:** Professor Ramona Uhl OÖ, Austria; Professor Stanley Mukhola, TUT, South Africa; Professor Kerstin Streiff and team, Europaseminar, Giessen, Germany

11.40-13

### Workshop

**Virtual or blended learning – looking for future possibilities**

Collaborative working facilitated by teacher students Andra Ene, Wen Huifang and Kaisa Önen from Haaga -Helia together with teacher students from Europaseminar, Giessen, Germany.

**Moderator of the event:** Liisa Vanhanen-Nuutinen, Haaga-Helia School of Vocational Teacher education

Five international experts introduced their respective national situation in vocational training due to Covid. We exchanged and shared insights into our systems of vocational education and training. Of course, we all had experienced a massive progress in digital performance and competence as well as serious problems in practical learning, social and personal learning accompanied by some grave psychological problems and a difficulty to reach pupils and students in precarious situations.

The workshops in the second part of the seminar had been designed and presented in a cooperation between Finnish students and German teacher trainees. This cooperation proved to be a success for both groups since they worked together very well on an international and intercultural basis.

In a reflection of this work German teacher trainees stated the following:

- it was an overall very positive experience
- the webinar was well-designed and exciting
- the exchange with colleagues from different countries was very enriching
- the cooperation with colleagues from abroad was exciting
- we could get a lot of inspirations
- we could experience how teacher education works in another European country
- we experienced great openness on the part of the students in Helsinki
- it was a valuable time
- cooperation with other countries was a lot of fun
- the direct exchange was important

Consequently, we will try to establish a real meeting with the students from Haaga Helia to promote the cooperation. If in-person contact is not possible due to pandemic regulations, we will set up further digital meetings on a regular basis and incorporate teacher trainees in planning and presenting.