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Transforming VET with Design Thinking: A New Era of Learner-Centered Education

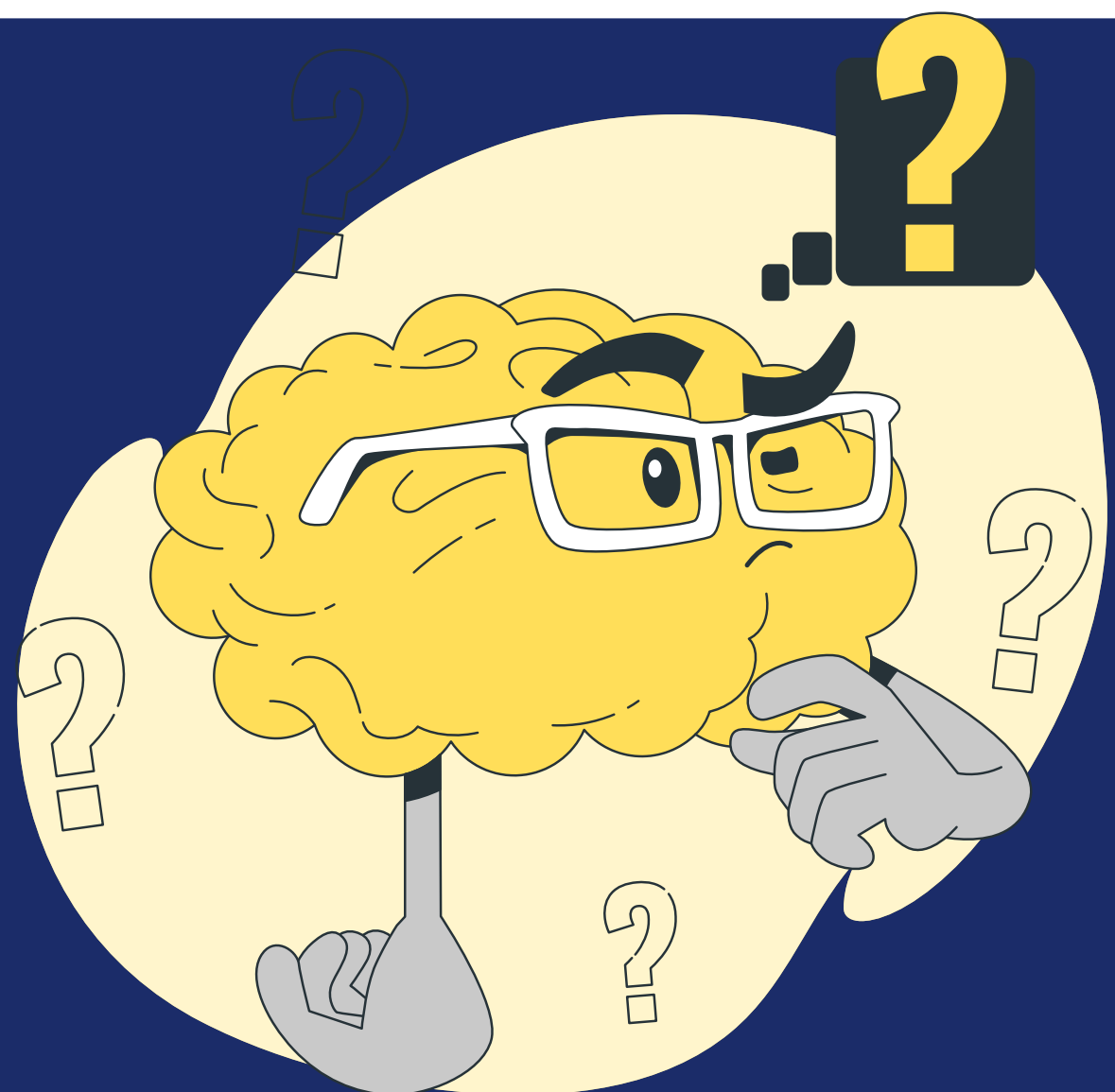
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In a fast-changing world, **Vocational Education and Training (VET)** must evolve to stay relevant. As industries shift and learner expectations grow, traditional methods are no longer enough. That's where the **VETDesign** project—funded by Erasmus+—steps in, ushering in a new era of **innovative, learner-centered VET** through the power of **Design Thinking**.

What Is VETDesign?

VETDesign is on a mission to modernize VET by embedding **Design Thinking principles** into every stage of the learning process. Our approach places the **learner at the heart** of training, making education more **dynamic, inclusive, and market-responsive**.

At its core is the **VET-tailored Design Thinking Manual**—a hands-on toolkit designed for educators, packed with practical strategies, real-life case studies, digital tools, and andragogic techniques tailored to VET learners.



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Why Design Thinking in VET?

Design Thinking is a human-centered approach to solving complex challenges creatively and collaboratively. It follows five powerful steps:

- **Empathize:** Understand the real needs of learners, teachers, and industry stakeholders.
- **Define:** Pinpoint core challenges in the current VET landscape.
- **Ideate:** Brainstorm fresh, innovative solutions.
- **Prototype:** Build and test small-scale versions of ideas.
- **Test:** Refine solutions based on real feedback.

This approach fosters **deeper engagement**, **creativity**, and **problem-solving** skills—making VET not just a means to employment but a platform for lifelong learning and adaptability.

Key Elements of VETDesign

- **Andragogic Learning Strategies.** Recognizing that VET learners are often young adults, we apply adult learning principles that foster self-direction, collaboration, and real-world problem-solving.
- **Design Thinking Manual.** Our manual goes beyond theory—offering practical tools, resources, and digital applications to help educators implement Design Thinking with ease.
 - **Ongoing Research & Feedback.** We collaborate closely with VET professionals to keep our tools clear, practical, and effective—responding to the strong demand for interactive digital content.



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Real Impact, Real Results

VETDesign is more than an idea—it's a movement. Through **pilot programs** and **collaborative workshops**, we're already seeing the difference. Our goal is to integrate these new methods into everyday VET practice and ensure **sustainable, long-term benefits** for both learners and educators.



Join the Transformation

We invite educators, trainers, and VET stakeholders to be part of this exciting shift. Explore our resources, connect with our team, and become a pioneer in learner-centered, future-ready education.

Visit our website to get started:

👉 <https://vetdesign-erasmus.eu/>

Let's reimagine vocational training—**together**.

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