

Students' participation in VET colleges

Sweden

DESCRIPTION

VET systems are structures where a strong emphasis is placed on **establishing collaborations between the participating parties: schools (teachers), enterprises, unions, learners, etc.** This may hold the potential to increase the development of competences for democratic culture and political participation in the workplace. In Sweden, it is **mandatory to establish boards in VET college structures where VET learners are represented.** In the programmes offered by some VET colleges, it is also mandatory for VET learners to try out different workplaces. **Sometimes it is also mandatory that the learner tries different positions in the same workplace, that is, to develop an understanding of the chain of production as well as of colleagues' working conditions and needs.**