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# Erasmus+ project: Digital Peer Review for Green and Digital

## Adapting Peer Review to support VET providers in the Digital and Green Transition

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## CONTEXT



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The Digital Peer Review project for Digital and Green VET adapts the Peer Review methodology to integrate digital tools and sustainability principles, enabling more effective, green and digitally supported quality assurance in VET systems across Europe.

**Programme:** Erasmus+

**Key Action:** KA220-VET – Cooperation Partnerships in Vocational Education and Training (VET)

**Duration:** 01/09/2023 – 31/08/2025 (24 months)

**Total Grant:** €250,000

### **Consortium Partners:**

- [Lithuanian qualifications and Vocational Education and Training Development Centre \(KPMPC\)](#) - Coordinator
- [Lithuanian Education and Science Trade Union \(LESTU\)](#)
- [FORMA.Azione](#)
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# RATIONALE



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## Addressing Emerging Needs

As education and training systems across Europe face the dual challenge of digital innovation and environmental responsibility, the DIGITAL PR project aims to enhance and modernise quality assurance practices in Vocational Education and Training (VET).



## Reassessing Traditional Peer Review

Although Peer Review is valued as a collaborative tool for assessing and improving institutional quality, it is often still conducted using paper-based methods, demanding significant resources and remaining under-utilised in many settings.



## A Digital, Sustainable Approach

The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the urgency of integrating digital tools and flexible approaches in education. DIGITAL PR responds by transforming the European Peer Review process into a digital, accessible, and sustainability-oriented system aligned with the needs of today's VET sector.



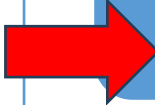
# OBJECTIVES



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**The DIGITAL PR project has two main objectives:**



these objectives were achieved by creating a digital platform, training professionals and revising and piloting the Peer Review methodologies and process in multiple countries.

to **enhance the quality and attractiveness** of vocational education and training by building the capacity of VET providers to carry out self-assessment and peer-assessment activities using a renewed methodology that incorporates green and digital competences.

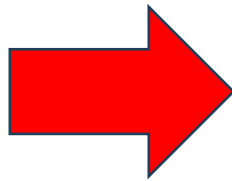
to **build a sustainable and dynamic Community of Practice** among VET institutions and professionals who use Peer Review not just as a tool for evaluation, but as a driver for innovation, collaboration, and continuous improvement.



# ACTIVITIES



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The implementation of the DIGITAL PR project is structured to ensure comprehensive development, testing, and dissemination of an **updated Peer Review methodology** adapted to the challenges of digital transformation and sustainability. At the heart of the project is the training and engagement of VET professionals, who play a central role in applying and further developing the Peer Review model.

A planned key activity was the **training of 135 VET professionals**, including **60 who were new to the Peer Review** approach. These participants underwent structured learning paths using a newly developed Training Kit that supports both foundational and advanced levels. Training sessions covered the methodology, application of quality indicators in green and digital VET, use of the digital platform, and collaborative practices.



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Following the training, participants were actively involved in the piloting phase, where **15 Peer Reviews** are in progress across three countries—Lithuania, Italy, and Portugal.

Each Peer Review will be implemented using the **updated methodology** and hosted through the **multilingual digital platform**.

This platform includes features such as **peer matching, collaborative workspaces, reporting templates** and **documentation storage**.

The Peer Reviews are involving **observation, dialogue, and assessment**, resulting in tailored feedback for each host institution.



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Complementing the reviews are **Peer Learning workshops** held in each country, providing space for deeper exchange of experiences, challenges, and lessons learned.



Additionally, **7 online meta-reflection sessions** will bring together reviewers and reviewed institutions to reflect on the process and explore potential improvements.



These practical implementation activities are coordinated with **dissemination and community-building efforts** to ensure sustainability and long-term engagement beyond the project's end through a **Community of Practice**.



# BENEFITS



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The **integration of digital tools and sustainability concepts** into the Peer Review methodology for VET offers a powerful opportunity to:

- enhance Peer Review efficiency and effectiveness;
- promote sustainability in VET;
- improve the Quality of VET, by making it more strategic;
- strengthen accountability and transparency;
- adopt specific integration strategies.

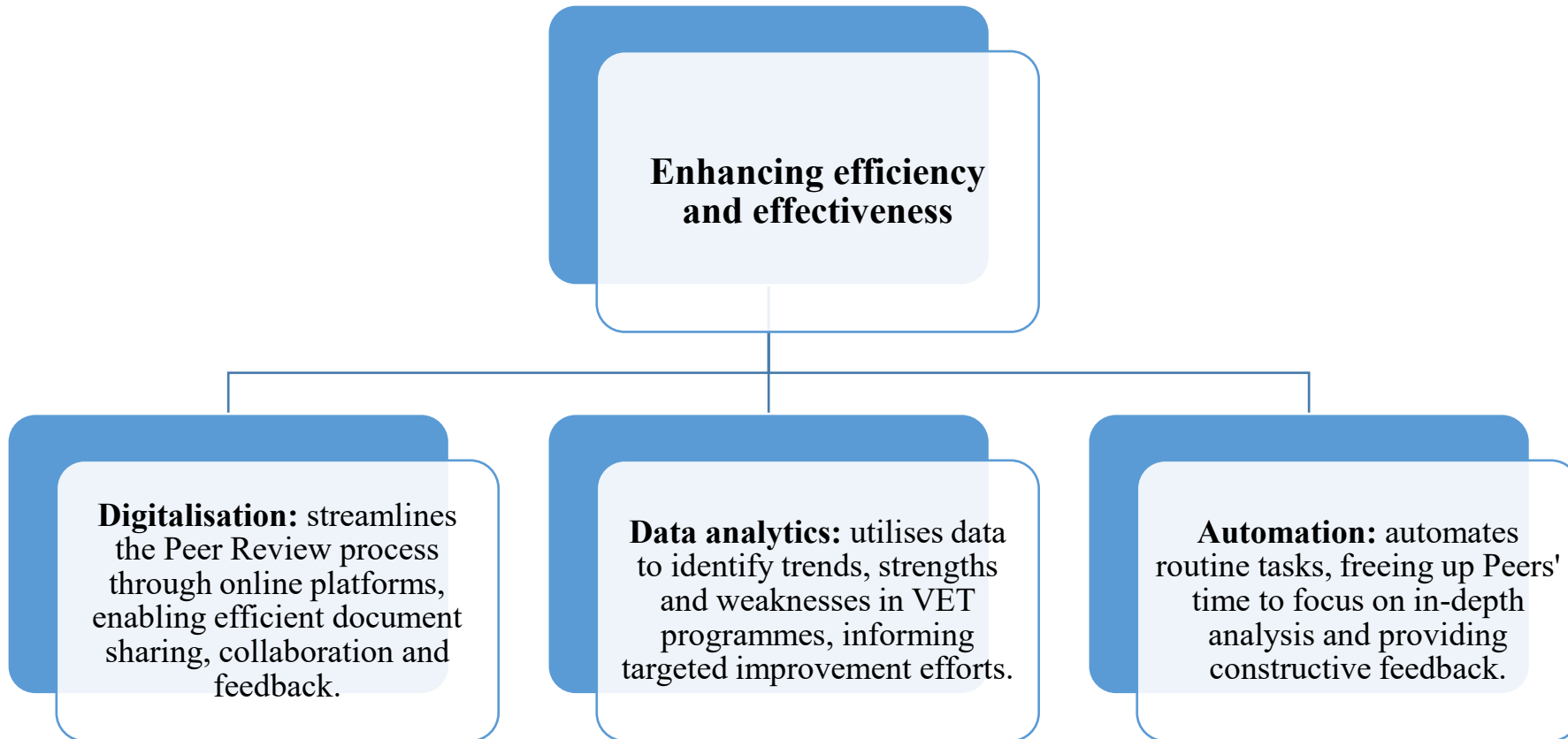
**Including sustainability criteria in quality assurance practices**



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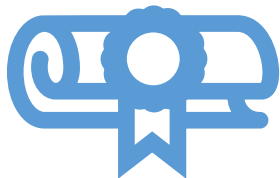
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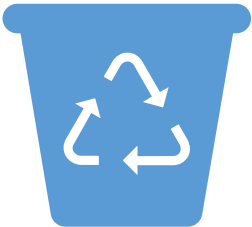
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**Green skills integration:** ensures that VET programmes incorporate sustainability competences, preparing graduates for a green economy.

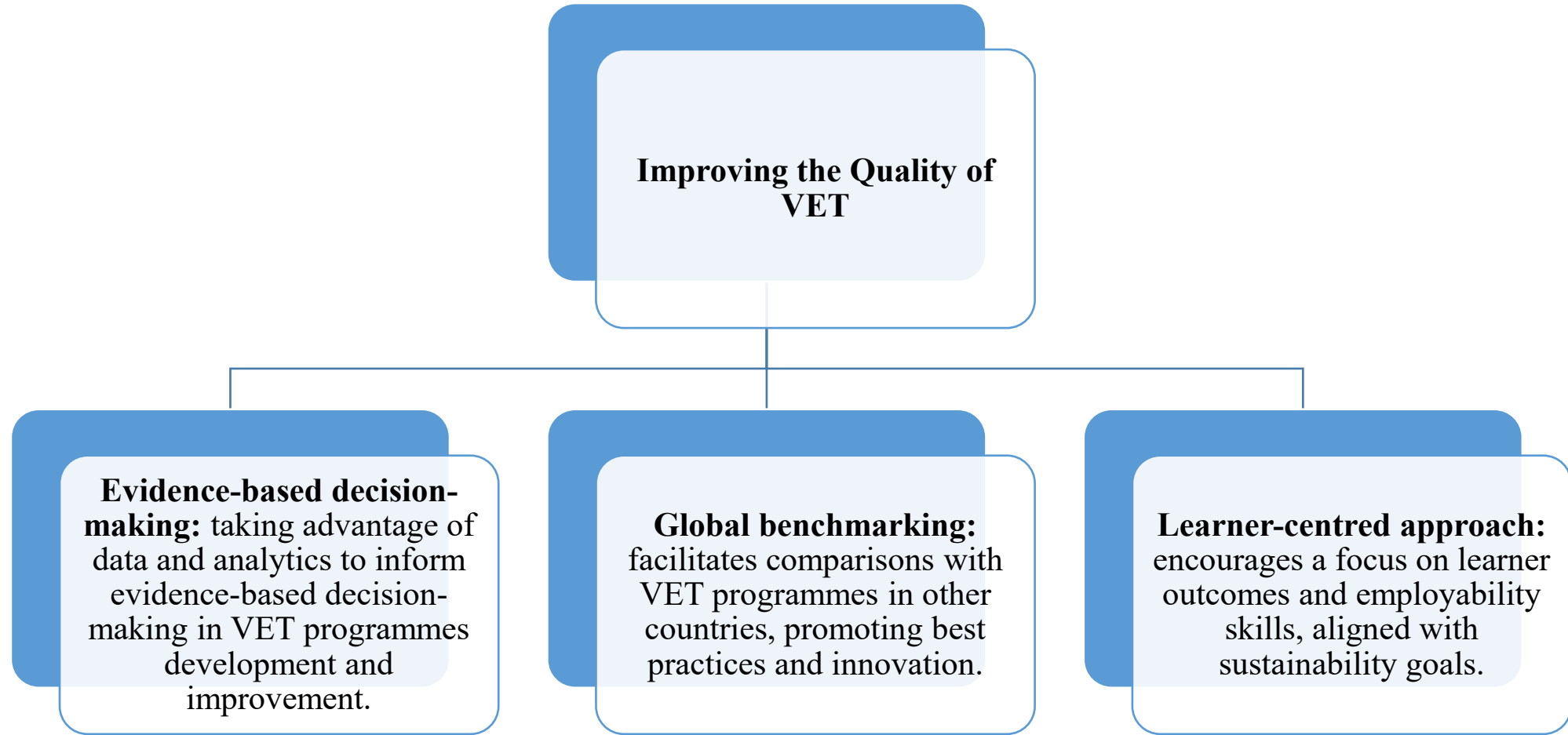


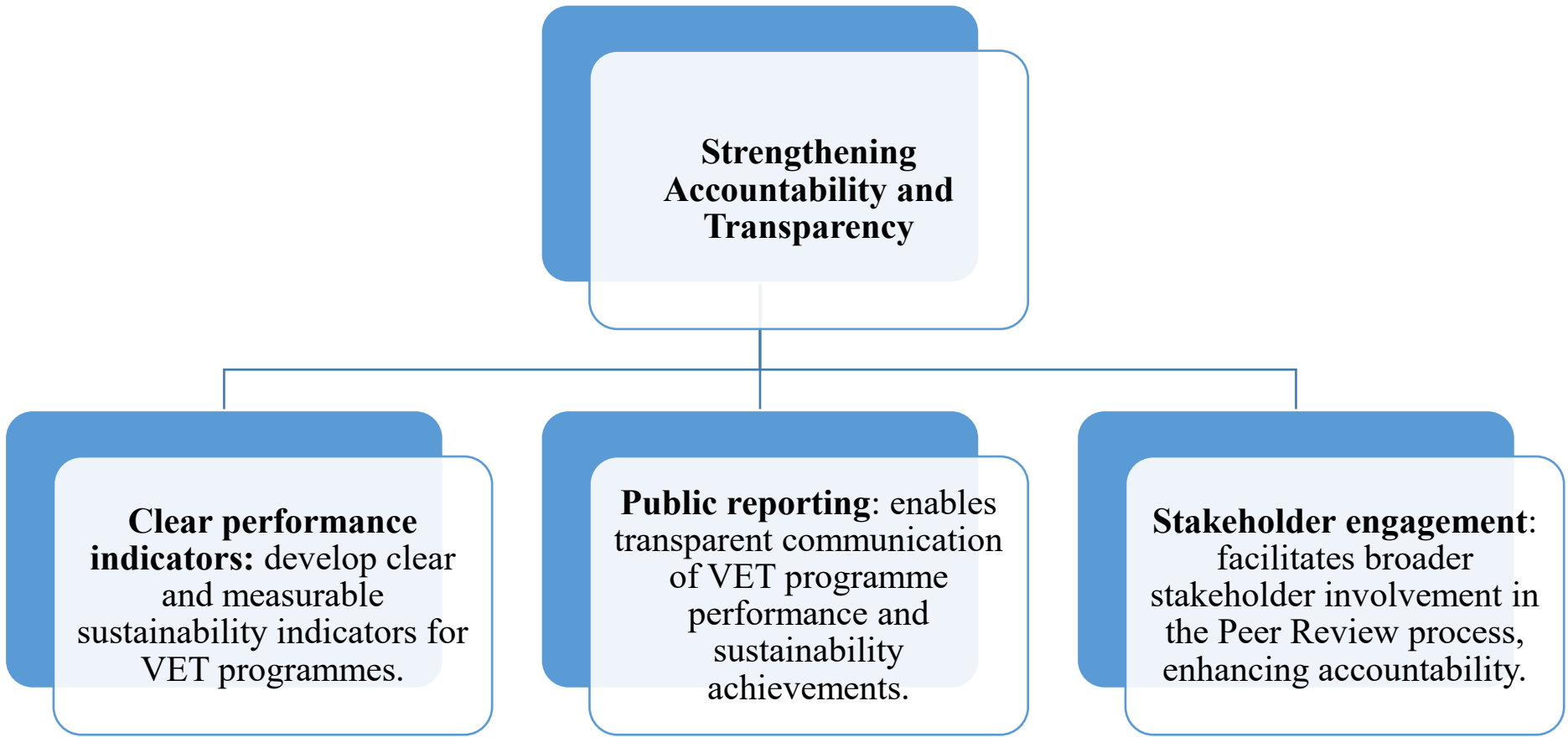
**Environmental impact assessment** evaluates the environmental impact of VET programmes and institutions, identifying areas for improvement.



**Resource efficiency:** promotes the use of digital tools to reduce paper consumption and energy usage during the Peer Review process.









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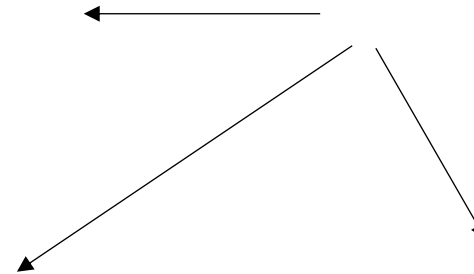
### **Online Platform:**

- User-friendly interface for efficient Peer Reviews
- Online Peer Review tools with sharing options
- LinkedIn integration to share profiles
- Archive of Quality Assurance documentation for VET providers

### **Peer Matching Tool**

- Connects VET providers with Peers for PR
- Facilitates matching based on specific assessment focus
- Simplifies finding the right Peer for each VET provider

### **Available Tools**



### **Community of Practice**

- Reserved area on the platform for members
- Rules, guidelines, activity plans, and member lists
- Encourages collaboration and networking among VET providers and Peers



# RESULTS



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**Peer testimonials and learning activities** to share the methodology and sustain the project outcomes to be operational.

**Preliminary Results**

Each Country is in the process of **carrying out 5 Peer Reviews** to collect structured feedback and analyse the data for revising and validating tools and platform (ad hoc questionnaires, meta-evaluation report, meetings among Peers and coordinating body at national level).

**Training on Digital and Green Peer Review** involving about **150 Peers** in total from IT, LT, PT – both experienced and newcomers.



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## Green and Digital Practices adopted

**Digital documentation:** shifting from paper to digital submissions and feedback; streamlining digital workflows to avoid clutter, limit unnecessary file duplication and promote efficient data management.

**Virtual meetings and reviews:** using video conferencing to reduce travel-related carbon footprints.

**Cloud-based collaboration:** utilising the Peer Review platform to minimise local file storage and energy use, while promoting efficient team workflows.

**Energy-efficient technologies:** using energy-efficient devices and platforms to conduct Peer Review processes, ensuring lower energy consumption and environmental impact.

**Sustainability focus:** encouraging and prioritising learning topics as well as organisational culture and behaviours that explore sustainability, environmental protection and green innovation.





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