Hello

I can almost feel you frustration.   Reading through docs and forum posts and not getting anywhere, frustrating!

I don't know if VENET should have a default gateway. I had problems getting my VE on the net, using VETH. I just needed to
add a default route to my gateway, using the following command:

(from inside VE)
route add default gw 192.168.1.1 dev eth0