



SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABLE JOBS IN KOSOVO

KSV/021



SECTOR | Education, vocational training and employment

AGENCY | LuxDev

DURATION | 36 months (November 2023 - October 2026)

TARGET GROUPS

The government of Kosovo, the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector, the private sector and its associations, stakeholders and individuals involved in the VET system (women, youth, unemployed, workers)

INSTITUTIONAL ANCHORAGE

Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI)

SECTORIAL POLICIES AND REFERENCE STRATEGIES

- Kosovo Education Strategy 2022-2026;
- Economic Reform Programme 2022-2024;
- National Development Strategy 2030;
- Kosovo Programme for Gender Equality 2020-2024;
- Kosovo Green Agenda 2030;
- Kosovo Environmental Strategy and Digital Agenda 2030.

BUDGET | EUR10 million



The Skills for sustainable jobs in Kosovo project aims to contribute to sustainable economic growth by supporting innovation, inclusiveness, and social development in a greener Kosovo. The specific objective is to improve the employability of youth and women by strengthening the vocational education and training system in line with market demand.

The project will target eligible individuals from the entire population of Kosovo, estimated at 1.6 million inhabitants.

The direct beneficiaries are the Government of Kosovo, through a direct partnership with MESTI, but also through close cooperation with institutions such as the Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade, the Municipal Education Directorates, the Employment Agency, the Agency for Vocational Education and Training and Adult Education, the National Qualifications Authority, VET providers, Kosovo's Chamber of Commerce and the University of Pristina.

In addition, the private sector in the field of information and communication technology (ICT), renewable energy (RE)/ energy efficiency (EE), and sectors included in the Smart Specialisation Strategy in Kosovo, as well as the VET system, will be amongst project beneficiaries.

The project will advocate for inclusive education and employability by improving the performance of the VET system.

EXPECTED CHANGES/RESULTS

The project will focus on four main results:

- cooperation between the private sector and VET schools is strengthened by incentivising private sector involvement;
- two VET centres – one on ICT and the other on RE/EE – are operationalised;
- research skills in ICT are strengthened;
- lifelong learning is enhanced to develop/strengthen skills and knowledge, especially of women, in ICT and RE/EE.

MAIN ACTIONS

The first component focuses on promoting and supporting the role of the private sector in improving the VET sector by encouraging collaboration between public schools and private companies, especially in terms of Work-Based Learning as part of a dual education approach.

The second component will, on the one hand, support the operationalisation of the ICT VET Institution and, on the other hand, help establish new profiles in five VET Institution schools dedicated to RE/EE.

The third component focuses on fostering collaboration between the University of Luxembourg/SnT and Kosovo in ICT research to improve the quality of doctoral and master's education and improve the quality of public research in general.

The fourth component will support the reskilling of job seekers', especially women with existing degrees who seek/need to qualify/reskill in the fields of ICT and RE/EE.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

- training of trainers for 60 ICT teachers (on-going);
- curricula development of four VET profiles in RE/EE;
- selection of five national VET institutes to be supported to conduct trainings in four profiles in RE/EE (photovoltaic technician/wind turbine technician/biomass technician/energy efficiency in the buildings);
- operational partnership agreement with SnT signed;
- short term courses in priority profiles soon to be launched together with Women in Tech and Innovation Center of Kosovo.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH LUXEMBOURG

The project has established a first partnership agreement with the **SnT/ University of Luxembourg**.

Amount of the partnership agreement: EUR1,800,000 | Period: September 2024 - December 2029

Objective: strengthen proficiency in ICT research competencies.

The project aims to develop master programmes and PhD programmes in ICT and cybersecurity. A collaboration with the University of Pristina is being developed.

The project is also in discussion with the **Digital Learning Hub (DLH)**.

A first exploration mission took place in July in Kosovo. Three colleagues from DLH were part of the mission to meet several stakeholders. The purpose of this mission was to explore the possibility of developing the model of *École 42* in Kosovo, with the support of DLH, which is part of the *École 42* network. The project must also analyse the costs of establishing the model in Kosovo and the possible financial modalities.

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