Knowledge Management and Communication

VET is an issue of public interest
AlbVET documents, disseminates and debates good practices and lessons learnt as possible approaches to solve key policy concerns on VET.

The project participates in and contribute to platforms for exchange, coordination and cooperation among projects, donors and national authorities.

AlbVET believes in VET as an attractive way to enter labour market with relevant qualification and skills.
Thus, it promotes students, businesses and stakeholders participation in VET, as well as public awareness and media promotion of the sector.

“...It is important to share with the stakeholders good practices and lessons learnt on solutions to narrowing the skills gap, approaches for practice learning, stakeholders cooperation and private sector participation in VET” - Matthias Jäger, Senior Expert, Swisscontact representative

VET looks interesting? It is indeed. The project aims to consolidate the innovated educational approaches, programmes and partnership schemes aiming at the employability of the young people, as well as to enhance the capacities of concerned authorities and partner organizations to sustainably absorb them in their regular programmes and processes.

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Project Partners
- Ministry of Education and Science
- Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Multipliers
- 70 teachers and instructors from VET schools in 3 profiles,
- 15 Coaches and about 80 beneficiaries from 4 NGO for the implementation of the coaching cycle
- Instructors of informal PAFL in bakery and hairdressing
- School directors, representatives of NVETA, NES, private sector organizations etc.

Beneficiaries
- Students of vocational schools
- Trainees in PAFL
- Participants in coaching cycle for employment
Contributing to the improvement of governance and the competitiveness of the economy with a specific focus on vocational education and training to improve the employability of specific target groups.

WE CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

AlbVET Phase 3

July 2011 - June 2014

In **Formal Systems Reform** the project supports the Government to renovate a complete occupational area (thermo-hydraulics) with new learning approaches in 10 vocational schools across the country.

It also supports the development and implementation of a new type of post-secondary training in IT under inter-institutional arrangements (Durrës University and “Beqir Cela” vocational school).

**Swiss support to Vocational Education and Training**

SDC has supported vocational education and training in Albania since 1994 through various projects implemented by Swisscontact.

The AlbVET project has started in 2007.

Operationally the project focuses on completion, consolidation and sustainability of the innovative learning approaches, training schemes and coaching cycles for employment.

Capitalisation of experiences, documentation and dissemination of lessons learnt are a primary concern in knowledge management and communication.

**“We project-based learning is a new opportunity for which we are grateful to AlbVET. Our students are enjoying the practicing hours, working in the learning islands provided by AlbVET and the prospect of working in a business on the third year. And we are delighted to see them grow into well qualified professionals in their field thanks to this new method.”**

Agim Jakupi, Director, “Karl Gega” school in Tirana

**Partnership for Learning**

How to access labour market

The project promotes private sector participation for delivery of vocational education and training both under non-formal arrangement and in the formal system.

Partnership for learning models in the non-formal system are being supported in Hairdressing and Bakery profile in Fier, Saranda and Durrës.

The **Coaching Cycle** for employment builds on the cooperation with local NGO and is implemented under a two-layer approach; training of coaches, and implementation of the coaching cycle with participants.

4 partner NGOs organize beneficiaries from vulnerable groups and accompany them on their individual paths into employment. Partnership and cooperation with labour offices and the private sector for internships play crucial roles in the process.

**“It’s important to accompany the individuals up to employment. This is new for us as coaches as well as encouraging for beneficiaries.”**

Ilir Kolla, Ndihmë për Fëmijët, Tiranë

“Internships and on-the-job training enhance the employability of a well trained student” – David von Graffenried, International expert