

Project Nr.	Pro-Skills
Country	Kosovo
Project region	Peja municipality
Initial situation	<p>The biggest potential and resource of Kosovo remain to be youth. With education reforms undertaken recently by the Government of Kosovo, attention being devoted to the youth of Kosovo opens a new window of hope for economic empowerment through the creation of new and young professionals.</p> <p>One of the main problems facing youth in Kosovo is the lack of specific and tailored educational development programs and human capacity building programs, which in turn has caused a high rate of unemployment. In the absence of these development programs and perspective, a large portion of youth is tent to illegally immigrate.</p> <p>Educational programs are not fully in line with market demands for workforce. The VET schools there are not preparing students for the labour market because of the lack of infrastructure, teaching methodologies and lack of practical learning opportunities. The practice happens rarely as the schools do lack the laboratories or working cabinets in the building, lack of agreements with external businesses who could help schools by letting students get internships in their company.</p> <p>Another limitation that students face is the lack of information about career and job opportunities and perspectives.</p>
Objectives	<p>Improved access to employment for young vocational school graduates due to additional market-relevant skills, internships completed and improved cooperation between private sector and education system.</p> <p>The project will address two specific objectives;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New trainings conducted and internships available acquired the students from vocational schools with additional market relevant skills 2. Vocational education in the field of tourism, wood processing, ICT and metal processing has an increased focus on market-relevant skills development
Expected Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. The municipal working council has been established and have assessed the main VET education and vocational training gaps for tourism, ICT, metal and wood processing 1.2. Design and implementation of new trainings for vocational students have addressed some of the gaps. 1.3. Municipal working group develops, adopts and advocates at least 2-5 concepts affecting at the curriculum improvement at the VET schools. 1.4. About 150 students/yearly of grade 12th are equipped with job applying tips and tactic due to conduction of practical work or training in company; 1.5 At least 15 companies initiated to offer internship and mentoring program 2.1. Development and implementation of vocational trainings supported 150students grade 12th of VET to increase skills and competences which will bring the youth closer to the market.

2.2. **At least 5-8 proposals** for reforms to over-come structural hurdles are formulated, supported by a broad alliance and adopted by the respective authority

2.3. The **2 VET schools in Peja** have developed an internship/ training online platform for VET students.

2.4. **About 30 companies** in Peja have benefited skilled labour force from training and internship programs

Beneficiaries VET Economy School “Ali Hadri”, **about 80 student of grades 10-11 and 40 of grades 12th (numbers per year)**
 VET Technical School “Shaban Spahija” **about 425 students of grades 10-11 and about 95 students of grade 12th**
 Businesses of ICT, tourism industry , metal and wood processing **about 20 businesses in Peja municipality**

Partners **Kosovo Youth Council**
 Kosovar Youth Council (KYC) is a youth non-governmental organization (NGO) established to activate young Kosovars to respond to their problems brought on by massive expulsion from their homes to Albania in 1999. It represents youth voices; promote self-organized education, development and entertainment for youth; and actively involve youth in the creation and development of meaningful youth policies.
Institute for Training and Economic Development ITED
 The Institute for Training and Economic Development (ITED) is a highly committed, extensively networked, socially responsible indigenous Kosovo company, formed; registered and headquartered in Prishtina. As training provider offers consultancy and training in; trainings for finance sector, for public sector, for SME, for Civil Society, for administrative clerks, for jobseekers, vocational training, tailored made trainings/services, curricula Development etc.

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