



Capacity building and development of knowledge standards and curricula for vocational education

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Field of support:
Increasing the quality
of vocational
education

Project Duration:
36 months

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221.660 €

Development challenges addressed:

Securing a qualified workforce for the Montenegrin economy remains the largest challenge of the education reform process. The vocational education curricula have failed to keep up with market changes and call for substantial change.

Objectives, strategy and outcomes:

Overall objective:

Increase employment opportunities by introducing new educational curricula which are in line with occupational standards that meet current market needs.

Strategy:

The ultimate responsibility for the development of occupational standards and respective curricula lies with the Council for Vocational Education (multi-stakeholder teams with representatives from university, schools, unions, companies and The Centre for Vocational Education) and the Expert Working Groups which the Council set up. Expert working groups and individual experts are supervised by the Council to devise curricula and compile the Indexes of Knowledge and Performance Standards in line with occupational standards. The devised curricula and knowledge standards are exposed to a consultative process.

Extensive training of the Expert Working Group members as well as translation of relevant textbooks and documents is needed to ensure devised curricula meet high standards and experience from other countries is fully utilized. The hiring of international experts is needed for capacity building activities. Sixteen Specialized Committees have been set up for 16 specialized educational areas.

Outcomes:

- The introduction of 30 educational curricula in VET schools year
- The introduction 20 training programs in order with labor market needs

Summary of activities:

- Securing technical conditions for project implementation
- Capacity building of Expert Working Groups in terms of technical support and training
- Preparation and printing of support manuals
- Translation of relevant standards and curricula from other countries
- Publication of manual on IT skills development in educational curricula
- The development of educational curricula
- The development of training programs
- Media campaigning
- Organization of consultancy processes
- Facilitation of public debate and presentations of curricula and training programs to all key stakeholders
- Printing of educational curricula

Project partners: Specialized Committees, Expert Working Groups, independent experts, Business, University, Vocational educational schools.