

ABOUT THE PROJECT

V2V-AL is an Albania country-specific project that aims to increase VET attractiveness and performance through internationalization and mobility, increased responsiveness to labour market needs and skills development, both in IVET and CVET.

The core of the project, capacity building, will be achieved through a critical number of activities – courses catalogues, job shadowing, staff training, coaching, communities of practices, toolkits – focused on key areas such as internationalization, project design and management, dual system/work-based-learning (WBL), guidance.

Objectives

The general objectives of the project are therefore to improve the perception of VET as a gateway to labour market, thus to increase VET enrollment in Albania.

The objective of the project is identified in increasing attractiveness and performance of VET and it is fourfold, thus it will be achieved by:

- Improving the ability to structure **internationalization strategy and mobility**;
- Improving the ability to structure an **effective dual system and WBL**;
- Improving skills and **employability of students**;
- Contributing to more **secured current and future jobs**.

V2V-AL will build upon other projects results is the use of iLearn tool in traineeships experiences, now tested also in the V2V-WB piloting mobility phase. iLearn is a web application developed within the project #iLearn Mobility and Training for Apprentices that allows to digitally set-up, monitor, evaluate and certificate the learning process of students engaged in dual system activities.

TARGET GROUPS

VET policy, decision makers, school manager, teachers, trainers of VET providers, professionals and managers of EDU-VET stakeholders, companies, students, parents, stakeholders and policy makers.

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V2V_AL first kick-off meeting in ALBA

All partners attended the first Kick-off meeting of VET to VET Capacity building in ALBANIA! This project is led by Apro Formazione and gathers two Albanian VET centres, KAMZA and HOTELERI, Albanian Skills –National Association for Skills Competitions, EfVET, SEPR and Build Green Group NGO. V2V-AL project will develop customized and effective internationalization strategies and modernize the offer of vocational institutions through a capacity building process focused on twinning between Albanian and Programme VET providers.

It aims at structuring and developing customized and effective internationalisation strategies and modernising VET systems of participating institutions, focusing on three key areas:

- International mobility
- Dual system and digitalisation.

This will be achieved through a participatory bottom-up approach from school to school, with the involvement of key actors and networks at European and country level. V2V_AL project will reinforce VET system in Albania both from the perspective of country not associated to the Programme fully engaged in the access process, and from the perspective of addressing local, regional and national strategies.

The project will in fact address the issue of reinforcing the links between Albanian VET system and its labour market needs and opportunities by strengthening dual system and WBL. with the involvement in this project the two Albanian VET providers can become part of a process already started in the framework of previous piloting mobility schemes projects involving project partners, aiming at fostering cooperation between Western Balkans and Programme VET providers engaged in capacity building, thus creating effective networks across regions and within WB region, now and in the future.



VET Systems in Albania

Education in Albania is provided by both public and private institutions at all levels. VET system is the biggest challenge for transition countries such as Albania, where it has always been considered a state responsibility. Albania's VET system is still driven more by general education that is understood as demand-based professional training aiming at employability of the graduates. The VET system in

Albania aims to provide practical skills and knowledge to prepare individuals for employment in various industries. The key aspect of the VET system are:

- Dual Education System
- VET Institutions
- Curriculum and Certifications
- Work-Based Learning
- Industry Partnerships
- Lifelong Learning Opportunities



Albania closely following up on the latest development of the Copenhagen process. One of its core instrument is the European Qualification Framework. The VET school in Albanian development units became operational where created to improve the efficiency of VET school management through seven functions (continuing professional development, curricula development, project development and implementation, tracer studies and ect)

Meet our partner “Albanian Skills”

The Albanian skills is an NGO Albanian- Swiss association without any economic intention. It is strong belief that a country's functioning economy necessarily needs well-skilled and qualified professionals in addition to theoretically educated academics. Therefore, in Albanian Skills they are also convinced that a good education system must be built on a strong system of vocational education and training. The Albanian Skills aim is to promote skills and thereby improve the recognition and status of vocational education and training in the Albanian society. For this purpose, the annually organize Skills Competitions in Albania. The Albanian Skills support medium-term participation of young Albanian professionals in selected trades at WorldSkills Competition.

Study Visit and Observer Mission training visit in Albania

During the week of 23-25 May 2023 in the framework of the project VET to VET - Capacity Building in Albania "Study Visit and Observation Mission" took place in Albania and was carried out: Apro Formazione, SEPR, Shkolla Hoteleriturizem and Shkolla e Mesme Profesionale Kamëz and as well as the meeting with the Albanian Skills and Build Green Group.

On the first day, visits were made to the Kamëz Multifunctional High School, where representatives of SEPR- Lyon France; Apro Formazione- Alba Itali got acquainted with the school environments where students spend their internship hours, study profiles, AFP system in Albania and had conversations with the leaders, school team and the students.

During the second day the meeting was held: "Working table with AFP Interest Groups in Albania" near the premises of Hotel Mondial in Tirana. This meeting was attended by about 40 participants, important stakeholders engaged in vocational education and different sectors of the field in Albania, representatives of vocational education institutions, [Albanian Erasmus + Office](#) , the [Agjencia Kombetare e Punesimit dhe Aftesive](#) , [Regional Youth Cooperation Office - RYCO](#) , [Sh European Union in Albania](#) , students, representatives of companies in the

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hospitality sectors and tourism, teachers of two partner schools, representatives of school boards, parent and pupil council and project partners.



In this meeting, the participants got acquainted with the project and its activities and then discussed about professional education and project activities, challenges and different ideas about its progress and

collaborations within it. The meeting was highly appreciated by all participants and fruitful discussions on the challenges, cooperation and synergies of this project with interventions and other projects in Albania will contribute to the realization of its objectives best for the benefit of the image, importance and performance of the AFP in Albania.

The third and fourth day were reserved for in-depth discussions at each school, specifically Apro Formazione with Tirana Hotel Tourism School and SEPR with Kamza Multifunctional High School, in separate groups, with business representatives, teachers, students and management teams. These focus groups as well as the development of questionnaires by each participant will enrich capacity building action plans for both educational institutions.

Tirana Hotel Tourism School together with Apro formazione organized a round table with 14 business partners of our school such as Rogner Hotel, Mk Hotel, Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Taiwan Complex, Prestige Hotel, Crown Boutique Hotel, Arte Hotel, Griffins Restaurant, Vegies Restaurant and Vila 60 Hotel. Over 50% of the present businesses are run by former students of our school who are successful in the labour market. During the meeting, there was a discussion about professional practices in business and the importance of the process of internationalization of practices. The group also got to know the 11 students who will do the 1-month internship in Italy and had a very interesting conversation about their approach to the first internship outside the borders of Albania.

Kamez Vocational High School together with the French organization SEPR with the relevant groups conducted interviews with the principal and vice-principals of the school, which continued with 6 representatives from businesses in the Kamza area in the field of auto mechanics, kindergartens and hotels where students perform professional practice, which was followed by a questionnaire with 9 students who expressed their expectations regarding this exchange and was closed with the teachers of each direction in the school who expressed the desire for such projects and professional development.

It was a busy week full of activities within the framework of the V2V- AL project, where during every meeting, conversation carried out there was no lack of positive energy and good desire to receive as much information as possible and carry out all steps of the project as well. Cultural exchange among project team members, shared dinners and visits to different places were an added value that comes from participating in such Erasmus+ projects. This project is in its first year of its implementation and all partners are mobilized and committed to better deliver.

