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ADDUPT

**Linking VET Institutions in Western
Balkans to the Green Sector**

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Context and Initiative Details

Name of the initiative	<p><u>ADDUP</u></p> <p>The current enlargement agenda of the EU that covers the region of the Western Balkans targets a variety of areas of interest that need to be addressed, based on the standard accession procedure. Even though the overall economic recovery in the region seems to be on track with foreseen requirements, the labour market situation remains challenging, in particular regarding the mismatch between skills and competences offered and the respective ones needed by businesses. Within reforms embarked under their accession process, the Western Balkans seek to modernise the VET sector and its multi-dimensional components, focusing on building qualification systems, improving the quality of the learning processes, and most importantly ensuring the continuing professional development of VET teachers and trainers.</p> <p>The Project aims to address the needs of VET institutes located in third countries of the Western Balkans not associated with the Programme in developing concrete links with the labour market of the emerging green sector, so as to offer VET courses that are both attractive to learners and reflect the requirements of potential employers. Particular focus is placed on improving the knowledge and skills of trainers and teachers, introducing the general provisions of the European Framework for the Digital Competences of Educators (DigCompEdu) and promoting the development of digital microlearning resources.</p>
Geographical scope	European level
Sources of funding	Erasmus +
Duration of the initiative	36 months: 2023 -2025
Target audience	WB-VET trainers
Social justice focus area	Worker rights
Goals of the initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforce the link between VET provision in involved third countries not associated to the Programme and the green sector of their labour markets Develop a long-lasting, operational Mechanism for Diagnosing Business Needs in the green sector. • Provide a thorough analysis on the current situation of the green sector in the third countries not associated to the Programme involved in the Project • Support the exposure of WB-VET trainers and staff to approaches that establish flexible and interactive links between VET and the labour market: • Introduce to and familiarise WB-VET with the concept of digital microlearning • Provide concrete guidance and individualised assistance to WB-VET that wish to shift towards twin transition • Build the capacity of WB-VET institutes to incorporate green labour market Needs to their training provision • Improve the skills and knowledge of WB-VET trainers and staff in developing digital microlearning resources to modernise the provision of VET in green-related topics • Enhance the employability potential of WB-VET learners through the improved capacity of WB-VET to Provide VET courses and learning resources that correspond to green sector's requirements

Good Practices Description

Stakeholder engagement in the process

Reviewing material
Project's training of trainers
Project's dissemination
Project's sustainability

Methodology used

To achieve the project objectives, the consortium will:

- Assess the main needs and job requirements in the green sector.
- Conduct workshops with experts of the green and VET sectors who will review, and assess the results of the need analysis, ensuring maximum level of reliability.
- Develop and implement an integrated Capacity Building Framework for VET institutes to support them shifting toward twin transition and developing digital microlearning resources.
- Provide VET action plans and digital microlearning resources answering the identified needs of the green sector.

Teaching approaches

Technology-enhanced learning, f2f and online workshops, provide digital microlearning resources

Challenges and outcomes

Key factors contributing to success

Needs- and interest-based project design and implementations, engaging activities.

Encountered difficulties and challenges

e-learning/ digital skills challenges.

Recommendations

The project is ongoing; therefore no recommendations are made.

Impact

The ADDUPT project will reinforce the link between Vocational Education and Training (VET) and the green sector through a capacity building program, including workshops, digital resources and other learning activities and materials aimed at developing and enhancing the skills, knowledge, resources, and abilities of VET organisations.