



## Youth, Employment & Skills (YES)

### Creating perspectives for youth in Kosovo

#### Objective

Improving the employability of Kosovar youth age 15 to 35 and vulnerable groups including return migrants, therefore providing perspectives in the Kosovo labour market.

#### Project Approach

The project applies a **bottom-up** approach, primarily addressing stakeholders at the local level such as vocational education and training institutions, public employment offices, youth centres and businesses. The project seeks to strengthen the capacities of the relevant ministries and their subordinated agencies by supporting their policies, services and offers to young people and vulnerable groups.

#### Project Outputs

1. Labour market measures adapted to the needs of young people and the needs of employers are being implemented.
2. Labour market measures adapted to the needs of vulnerable groups (esp. minorities, returnees) & employers' needs are implemented & used.
3. The quality of vocational education and training for young people is improved.
4. Capacities for innovation in youth employment promotion are strengthened & knowledge transfer between local & central level is ensured.
5. Selected young people in the project regions have a professional qualification recognised in Germany.

Project interventions are supporting the MLSW and MEST.

Further activities are implemented together with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and municipal partners, the private sector and civil society.

Project name	Youth, Employment & Skills (YES)
Commissioned by	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Project region	Republic of Kosovo
Implementing agency	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
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Main Political Partners	Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (MLSW), Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST).
Volume	12.000.000 €

#### Main Activities of the YES Project

The following are some of the main activities which YES is currently implementing in support of the MLSW in central and local level in the field of active labour market measures, public employment services, policy advice, cooperation with civil society, youth activation:

- ✓ Internship Schemes
- ✓ Wage Subsidy programmes
- ✓ Organisation of Job Fairs
- ✓ Technical Assistance for improvement of services of MLSW (PEOs and VTCs)
- ✓ Studies including mapping of active labour market measures and Kosovo-wide Employment and Labour Market Analysis.
- ✓ Organization of Local Stakeholder Meetings for Employment in pilot municipalities (Gjakova, Ferizaj, Vushtrri)
- ✓ Entrepreneurship Trainings and Grants for Start-ups
- ✓ Support to youth empowerment and mobilisation activities through youth centres and civil society
- ✓ Support to maker spaces in Kosovo

## Financing Agreement between GIZ and MLSW

Contract signed in June 2017 between GIZ and MLSW consisting of the following elements (the grant schemes are further supported by GIZ providing the respective trainings):

No.	Measure	Description of the measure
1.	Entrepreneurship Training Grants	Grants will be provided in a competitive selection process for 50 of the 160 graduates of trainings provided by GIZ directly.
2.	Entrepreneurship Academy Grants	Grants will be provided in a competitive selection process for 10 of the 25 trainees of the Academy à 4.000 Euro. The grants will follow a short-term intense training which will be provided directly by GIZ for entrepreneurs.
3.	Green Entrepreneurship Academy Grants	Grants will be provided in a competitive selection process for 7 of the 25 trainees of the Academy à 5.000 Euro. The grants will follow a short-term intense training which will be provided directly by GIZ for entrepreneurs on green business and innovation in Mitrovica.
4.	Wage Subsidy Programme	Subsidies are provided to companies for 500 beneficiaries à 150 Euro per month over the course of 6 months, while the contract lasts a total of 12 months.
5.	Internship Schemes in the following sectors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Textile</li> <li>- IT</li> <li>- Wood processing</li> <li>- Metal industry</li> </ul>	<p>A total of 660 selected jobseekers receive a 6-month internship compensation of 150 Euro monthly. The compensation is paid to 2/3 by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, to 1/3 by the business themselves. The internships take place at textile, metal, wood processing industries and the IT sector.</p> <p>The beneficiaries receive a 5-day preparatory soft-skill training.</p>

## Other support measures to the MLSW include

- ✓ Development of the Strategy on Youth Employment Promotion
- ✓ Stakeholder analyses on Economic Reintegration of return migrants in Kosovo on municipal level
- ✓ Employment and Labour Market Analysis
- ✓ Capacity Development through exchange with Germany (study trip) and coaching of Public Employment Officials / Training for trainer opportunities within Entrepreneurship
- ✓ Knowledge transfer with Germany for cooperation on municipal level for reintegration of return migrants.

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