



ITED and Kosovo Chamber of Commerce (KCC) launch Dual VET Examination and Certification Project, supported by LuxDev

Description

Introduction

On 01 April 2026, an agreement was signed between **ITED** – **Institute for Training and Economic Development** and the **Kosovo Chamber of Commerce (KCC)** to support the implementation of **Dual Vocational Education and Training (Dual VET)** examinations in Kosovo.

The initiative is financed by **LuxDev** and aims to ensure a **high-quality, transparent and standardized examination and certification system** for students enrolled in Dual VET programmes.

Building on this agreement, the project was officially launched on **10 April 2026**, with a kick-off meeting held together with key institutional partners.

Project Overview

The project – **Examination and Certification of Dual VET Students in Kosovo (2025–2026)** – is implemented by ITED, in close cooperation with:

- **Kosovo Chamber of Commerce (KCC)**
- **Ministry of Education and Science (MES)**
- **Vocational schools and partner enterprises**

The initiative focuses on strengthening the **organization, quality and sustainability of the Dual VET examination system** at national level.

Objectives of the Assignment

The project aims to support the **organization and implementation of final examinations** for Dual VET students across Kosovo.

1. Around **500 Grade 12 students** will complete final examinations (written, practical and oral) in May-June 2026
2. Around **800 Grade 11 students** will participate in the written final examination under the revised system

The assignment ensures that examinations are **structured, standardized and aligned with labour market needs**.

Tasks of the Assignment

Governance, Planning and Coordination

The project will ensure structured coordination of Dual VET examinations at national level, including:

- Central planning of examinations for Grades 11 and 12
- Development of a consolidated national examination timetable
- Coordination between MES, schools, KCC and enterprises
- Establishment of clear communication and coordination mechanisms

School-Level Implementation and Capacity Building

Vocational schools will receive direct support to ensure effective implementation of examinations:

- Organization of workshops and briefings at school level
- Hands-on coaching on examination organization and documentation
- Support in establishing and operationalizing examination commissions
- Ongoing troubleshooting and support during the examination period

Qualification and Certification of Examiners

A key component of the project is strengthening the role of the **private sector in the examination process**.

Activities include:

- Identification and nomination of enterprise representatives
- Training of examiners through certified Trainers of Trainers (ToTs)
- Assessment and certification of examiners
- Establishment of a national pool of certified examiners
- Creation of **87 examination/assessment commissions across 27 schools**

Strengthening the Role of the Kosovo Chamber of Commerce (KCC)

The project supports the **institutional integration of KCC within the Dual VET system**, including:

- Clarification of KCC's mandate in examiner certification
- Gradual transfer of responsibilities
- Development of quality assurance procedures
- Active involvement of KCC staff in project implementation

This approach ensures **long-term sustainability and institutional ownership**.

Student Awareness and System Alignment

The project includes activities to support **student enrolment and awareness** for the 2026/2027 school year:

- School visits, open days and awareness campaigns
- Development of promotional materials and communication tools
- Support to vocational schools in planning student intake
- Coordination with enterprises for apprenticeship placements
- Career guidance and student orientation
- Matching student profiles with labour market needs

Enterprise Feedback and System Evaluation

To ensure continuous improvement, the project includes:

- Development of enterprise evaluation tools
- Implementation of surveys with students and companies
- Analysis of results through stakeholder workshops
- Development of recommendations for system improvement

Kick-off Meeting

On **10 April 2026**, ITED organized the kick-off meeting for the project, bringing together representatives from:

- Kosovo Chamber of Commerce (KCC)
- Ministry of Education and Science (MES)
- Project stakeholders and partners

During the meeting, participants discussed the **work plan, coordination mechanisms and implementation approach**, ensuring alignment among all stakeholders.

Conclusion

The implementation of this project represents an important step toward strengthening the **quality, credibility and sustainability of Dual VET in Kosovo**.

By improving examination systems, strengthening institutional roles and enhancing cooperation between **schools, businesses and public institutions**, the initiative contributes to building a **modern, labour market-oriented vocational education system**.

Through this engagement, ITED continues to play a key role in supporting **skills development and workforce transformation in Kosovo and the Western Balkans**.

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