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Revitalizing vocational and continuing education through best practices

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Abstract

Various sources and feasibility studies provide ample analyses of the existence of serious skills gap in all the main sectors of the Albanian economy as the main educational focus has shifted towards Higher Education (HE), thus failing to revitalize the former “backbone” of the economy, i.e., Vocational Education Training (VET) and Continuing Education (CE). As such, this paper undertakes to analyse the most recent developments in terms of vocational education and training and continuing education as well as some very recent feasibility studies on Post-Secondary VET. It further provides a number of recommendations and suggestions towards better integration of VET and CE into a knowledge-based economy, thus filling the skills gap and securing a sustainable future and economic growth.

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