



Support of Educational and Employment Development in Albania, Kosovo and Serbia

## Quarterly Newsletter 3

### Project Progress

In the frame of SEED Albania, the quarterly period is distinguished by further development. Based on partnership agreement between CDC “Today for the Future” and Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth, the process characterized by strong commitment of local authorities, stakeholders and institutions due to an effective and close cooperation and coordination and supported by General Directorate of VET Policies, produced nine SEED partnership agreements among CDC “Today for the Future” and respectively Municipalities of Lezha, Shkodra, Puka and Fushe Arrez and Communes of Shengjin, Kallmet, Bushat, Velipoje and Qerret.

The respective partnership agreements have specified the roles and responsibilities of each party toward an effective implementation of project in targeted regions for the education and employability of youth and women and for the development of labor market.

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Another focus of SEED is the coordination with central authorities in charge of vocational education and qualification and employment. In such regards, technical meetings are organized with different central institutions, especially with National Agency of Vocational Education and Training & Qualifications on further cooperation and gender mainstreaming in vocational education curricula and with National Employment Service on employability of two main target groups of youth and women and tendencies of labor market in the SEED targeted regions.

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Another important component of SEED Programme is the Capacity Development. In this approach during the quarterly period, three-day gender training was organized in the premises of Lezha Municipality with the support of partners: Volkshilfe Solidarität and Tara Consulting Int. and Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth through direct involvement of General Directorate of VET Policies and General Directorate of Social Policies. The gender training was organized under the auspices of Lezha Mayor.

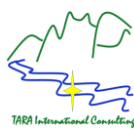
The gender training aimed at supporting employability measures and the capacity and capability of the entities to establish or improve their relations with actors from the public and private sector.

There was a high level of interest expressed by all stakeholders, partners and media on gender mainstreaming and employability measures, especially in the light of new strategy toward VET system in Albania and improvement of implementation measures. Lezha TV and Media Plus TV dedicated special time to the event: *Women and Youth Employability approach in Labor Market, Gender Equality in the Labor Market.*

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A focal direction of SEED Albania is the assessment of tendencies in the labor market of targeted regions and concrete demands and needs on employability. Recent data and information are gathered in cooperation with all relevant partners on current state on each region, while nine focus groups are conducted in the respective regions on identification of recent tendencies of labor market.

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