

Launch Event of the Kosovo Challenge Fund in Kosovo

It is with great pleasure to inform you that the Kosovo Challenge Fund is organizing an online event to announce the launch of the first call for expressions of interest. On this occasion, a webinar will take place via the Zoom platform on **Tuesday, April 13th, 2021, 11:00 – 12.15 (CET)**.

The Kosovo Challenge Fund (KCF) is commissioned by the German Government to KfW Development Bank and executed by the Ministry of Education and Science.

The Launch Event will present the Kosovo Challenge Fund as a dedicated financing facility designed to increase employability of VET graduates and to boost the productivity and competitiveness of enterprises in Kosovo at the same time. The KCF aims to strengthen the quality and labour market relevance of vocational education and training, by funding investments in equipment and infrastructure at vocational training institutes (VTIs) for selected cooperative or dual training projects, implemented through close partnerships between VTIs and enterprises. The KCF seeks to raise the overall quality of VET and align it with the needs of the labour market and aims to strengthen the employment-oriented economic development in Kosovo in accordance with the Stabilization and Association Process of the EU.

Many vocational training institutions and companies in Kosovo have already recognized the importance of work-based learning for improving the quality and relevance of vocational education and training, as well as for economic development. A series of legislative and financial reforms undertaken by the government and assisted by international organizations aim at improving the overall VET system in Kosovo and bringing it closer to the needs of the labour market.

The KCF offers significant financial and advisory resources to support the larger rollout of the cooperative and dual education models. By offering the opportunity for utilizing modern and innovative components, KCF encourages vocational education and training institutes to further enhance partnerships with enterprises.

The launch event will gather representatives from government and public institutions in charge of vocational education and training, international organizations and initiatives, chambers of commerce, vocational training providers, enterprises, and associations.

The official language of the event is English. Simultaneous translation to and from Albanian will be available. **To receive the link for the webinar, please register [HERE](#).**

Agenda

Speakers:

- **Ms. Arbërie Nagavci**, Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Kosovo
- **Ms. Vera Baumann**, Head of Development Cooperation, German Embassy in Kosovo
- **Mr. Rene Eschemann**, Director, KfW Office in Kosovo and North Macedonia
- **Mr. Frieder Woehrmann**, Regional and Kosovo Challenge Fund, Fund Management Unit, Team leader
- **Ms. Efka Heder**, ALLED Project in Kosovo, Team Leader
- **Ms. Nora Hasani**, Managing Director, KDWV – OEGJK, Kosovo

Moderator: Mr. Renato Vasili, Regional and Kosovo Challenge Fund, Regional Coordinator