

Edu-Energy 2.0: Towards Shaping the
Future of Renewable Energy Transition
in the Western Balkans

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## Renewable Energy (RE) and Vocational Education and Training (VET): The Way Forward



### CONCLUSIONS from the LM and EDU studies/analysis:

1. RENEWABLE ENERGY (RE) PRODUCTION with highest potential in the Western Balkans and high interest in Education sector:

**SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTION** 



WIND TURBINE ENERGY PRODUCTION



HYDROENERGY PRODUCTION





## 2. ECONOMIC SECTORS WITH GREAT POTENTIAL OF INTRODUCING **RE** COMPONENTS / **RE** CUTTING ACROSS VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY: potential of introducing renewable energy (Industries and services)

AGRICULTURE (e.g. Bioenergy feedstock farming and harvesting)

CONSTRUCTION (e.g. Energy efficient buildings)

MANUFACTURING
(e.g. Producing material for solar panels)

SERVICE (e.g. Maintenance, funding, standard setting, consulting)











#### 3. EDUCATION FOR LABOUR MARKET NEEDS

FORMAL EDUCATION SECTOR

Sharing between formal and informal;
Flexibility in approach, RPL

NON - FORMAL EDUCATION SECTOR

New qualifications for RE occupations (solar panel assemblers)

New (RE) parts of
existing
qualification
(additional modules
for technicians about
RE)

Modules

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On-the job training (companies)

Adult learning – up-skilling and re-skilling programmes

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### 4. COMPLEXITY OF NEEDED OCCUPATIONS and CORRESPONDING QUALIFICATIONS LEVELS

Complexity	Occupations	Corresponding Qualification Levels EQF
Technicians and associate professionals	Solar/wind panel/RE heating devices installers Solar/wind service/wind farm technician Renewable energy associates Solar/wind assistant project managers Engineering associates RE/Energy Efficiency Consultants	4/5/6
Engineering Professionals	Solar/wind system engineers Solar/wind system designers RE/Energy Efficiency Consultants	6/7/8
Management	Solar/wind project managers  Managers of renewable energy technologies	6/7/8
Teaching professionals	Renewable Energy /Energy Efficiency Educators/Trainers	6/7/8

## Labour Market Effect Study – main conclusions (3)



## 5. TOPICS/THEMES FOR CONSIDERATION

(for qualifications/parts of qualifications/modules/units/teaching/learning material...)

Specific	General (cross-qualifications)	Cross-cutting
(specific content, connected to a specific occupation and subject matter)	(content that can be integrated at various levels and in various programmes – from technical to service levels)	(content that is relevant for all occupations, qualifications, modules etc. and can be integrated in specific and general materials)
Solar/Wind system installation	Renewable energy and energy efficiency	Social sustainability
Solar/wind system maintenance	Decarbonization	Gender equity
RE Heating devices installation Renewable energy as source for heating, air-conditioning and ventilation	Use of digital and AI technologies in the use of RE (for electric/mechanic sector) Applications development Automation technologies	Digitalization (general)

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#### 6. WAY FORWARD

#### **SHORT-TERM**

- a. Consultations, comments and suggestions in a broader form
- b. Consultations and mapping within smaller regional group of experts
- c. Agreement on the material for teaching/learning (guidelines, manuals, modules...) topic and type
- d. Development and use of the material

#### **LONG-TERM:**

- a. Consideration of developing regional standards of occupations and qualifications or parts (modules/units) of standards of qualifications)
- b. Partners' commitment
- c. Donors negotiations
- d. Project planning
- e. Implementation

## Edu-Energy Conference: Building Bridges for Sustainable Energy Learning



## Discussion time!



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# Thank you!



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Mapping the Energy Sector VET Provision

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