

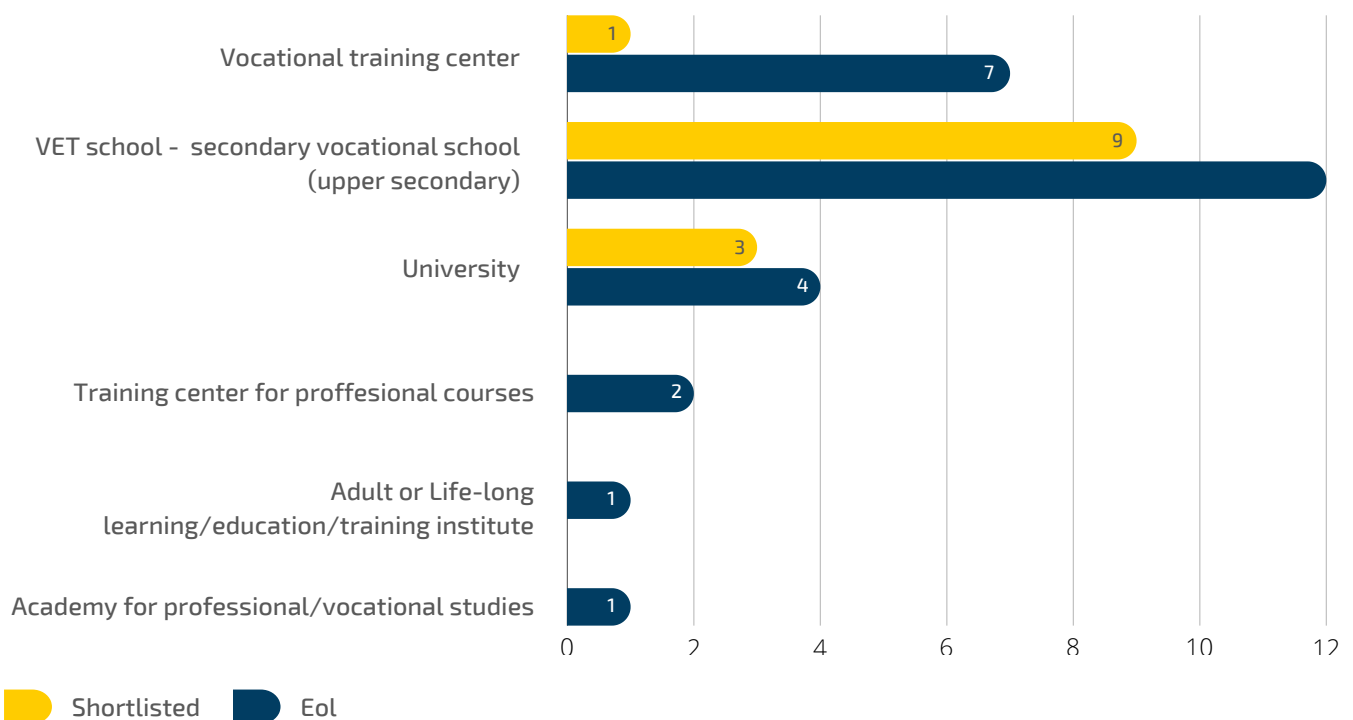
# FACTSHEET KOSOVO

## KOSOVO CHALLENGE FUND SECOND CALL

**The Kosovo Challenge Fund (KCF)** is a financing facility designed to increase youth employability and boosts the competitiveness of enterprises in Kosovo by funding investments in equipment and infrastructure for selected dual or cooperative training projects that are implemented through partnerships between vocational training institutes and the enterprises. The grants are allocated through a competitive national challenge.

The **KCF** is an initiative undertaken by German Development Bank (KfW) and financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) with **5,8 mil. EUR** for the grants. The main implementation partner is the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) in Kosovo, whose operations are supported by consultants from the Fund Management Unit.

Following the first application round, in which a total of 1.98 milion EUR were allocated to 4 VET awarded consortia, the KCF organized the second round of project selections from November 2022 to June 2023. The call encouraged expressions of interest and applications from consortia of vocational training institutes and enterprises, implementing cooperative VET courses that result in nationally recognized certificates



The KCF second call attracted **27 consortia** of vocational training institutes and enterprises. The eligibility and compliance checks based on the predefined eligibility criteria, resulted in shortlisting **13 consortia**. These consortia were invited to prepare full project proposals, with a submission deadline of **June 23rd, 2023**.

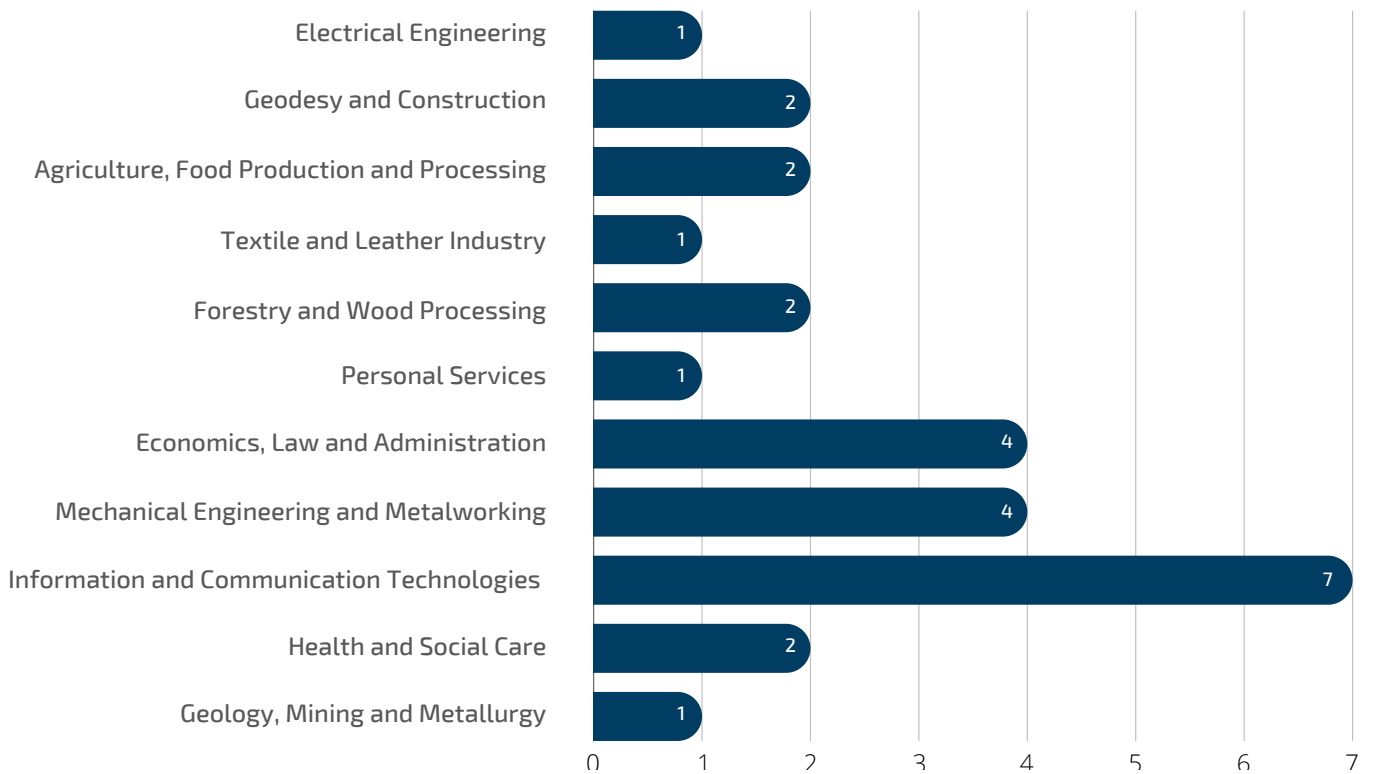
In the second step of the evaluation process, external selection experts reviewed and scored the applications based on the set of **selection criteria**, assessing the **concept, feasibility and plausibility, and ambition of the submitted projects**. The ranking list was prepared based on the scoring results.

The Selection Committee approved the financing for the **8 most successful projects**, allocating approximately **3 million Euros** for the investments in equipment, infrastructure and training at the vocational training institutes implementing cooperative training.

## KCF Second Call – Overview

<p><b>27</b> Eols</p>	<p><b>27 vocational training institutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 VET schools</li> <li>• 7 vocational training centres</li> <li>• 4 universities</li> <li>• 2 training center for professional courses</li> <li>• 1 academy for professional/vocational studies</li> <li>• 1 adult or life-long learning/education/training institute)</li> </ul> <p><b>88 enterprises, 11218 employees</b></p> <p>Information and Communication Technologies followed by Mechanical Engineering and Metalworking, and Economics Law and Administratio, are the most dominant sectors.</p>
<p><b>13</b> Shortlisted</p>	<p><b>13 vocational training institutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 VET schools</li> <li>• 1 vocational training center</li> <li>• 3 universities</li> </ul> <p><b>47 enterprises, 7819 employees</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> Awarded</p>	<p><b>8 consortia in total were proposed for financing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 VET schools</li> <li>• 3 universities</li> <li>• 2 upper secondary vocational schools</li> </ul> <p><b>30 enterprises, 7326 employees</b></p>

## Economic Sectors of Partner Enterprises



The leading applicants were very successful in attracting partnering enterprises. In total, **88 enterprises and a total of 11,218 employees** joined the consortia which submitted an EoI.

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## List of Projects Proposed for Financing in the Second KCF Call

Leading vocational training institute Profession trained	City	Amount EUR <sup>1</sup>	Economic Sector	Partnering Enterprises
Universum College <b>Mechatronic Technician for Autonomous Systems</b>	Lipjan	598,902.00	Manufacturing and Information Technology	Zetta SHPK Code Tech Apetit Group Kivo LLC Fluidu Group Uje Dea Viva Fresh Store Moea
Economic High School "Kadri Kusari" <b>Milk processing technology technician Fruit-vegetable and grain processing technology technician Food safety technician</b>	Gjakova	447,700.00	Food Industry	Golaj SHPK Geli shpk NPT "Freskia"
Heimerer College <b>General speech therapist (BSc programme)</b>	Prishtina	540,000.00	Health	Qendra Terapeutike Heimerer (QTH) VAMED Klinik Kipfenberg GmbH Komuna e Gjilanit (Municipality of Gjilan) NGO Autizmi
Economic Secondary School "Hasan Prishtina" <b>Chef, waiter, restaurant/ hotelier manager/ assistant, cook/assistant</b>	Mitrovica	217,621.00	Trade, Hospitality and Tourism	HOTEL PALACE & SPA CENTER SH.P.K Aqua Park Lin Projekt SH.P.K. Restaurant ANTIKA SH.P.K.
ILIRIA College <b>Mason, tile layer, and drywaller</b>	Prishtina	430,075.00	Geodesy and Construction	Dino Company In on Shpk
Upper Secondary Vocational School "Faik Konica" <b>Hotelier and Tourism</b>	Ferizaj	294,000.00	Trade, Hospitality and Tourism	Rubis SHPK N.P.T. "Plus Market" Hotel Brezovica SHPK
Vocational Training Institute "Pjetër Bogdani" <b>Metalworker</b>	Ferizaj	348,000.00	Mechanical Engineering and Metalworking	ELSAM Sh.p.k IMK-Industria Metalike e Kosovës SH.P.K N.SH."Elektro In"
Technical High School "Anton Çetta" <b>Auto-mechanics</b>	Skenderaj	204,696.00	Automotive	N.T.SH. FULDA D.P.Z. "MEKA" D.Z. Auto mechanic "Ford - AB" N.T.SH. "Auto parts REXHA"

<sup>1</sup>The amounts are subject to additional verification by the pool of technical experts, confirmation through funding agreements, and the outcome of the procurements to be organized for the planned investments.