

INNOVET ALBANIA NEWSLETTER



Greetings from Albanian Skills!
Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season!

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Dear Readers,

It's a great pleasure to introduce to you this very first edition of our INNOVET Albania Newsletter in the Eve of 2021 and this Holiday Season.

Skills are reconfirmed to remain vital for the humanity in this difficult year we are leaving behind which has also delivered new opportunities for us all. Ongoing and in-depth digitalization of our economies and societies, is continuously requiring innovative and bold ways of thinking, learning and living. Both digitalization and innovation are affecting the worldwide economy, not only contributing to productivity and efficiency but also to a broadening of socio-economic developments. Furthermore, modernization and innovation of VET is an ultimate precondition of skilling and upskilling of young people and adults, thus determining the future of job creation and resilience.

While pioneering new ways of Skills and VET promotion and support in Albania, Albanian Skills proved to be a dear partner of VET learners, teachers, companies and relevant institutions, bringing and supporting their voices in the local and international community. Serving the abovementioned purpose with resilience, creativity, and courage we are ourselves in a continuous changing and adaptation of our knowledge process. Moreover, we are constantly working and contributing to skills development, innovation and entrepreneurship in Albania and abroad. Having said that, we would like to emphasize our commitment and dedication towards skills support and development, in order for our country's youth be bold and distinguished in its own professional path.

With our fresh INNOVET Albania Newsletter that has just started its journey, we reaffirm our solid efforts for a better future and upskilled youth in a tremendous changing world and its future! And in this endeavor we welcome every professional contributor to journey together toward Innovation for VET in Albania!

Happy reading and A Merry Christmas and good start into a Healthy and Prosperous 2021 for all of you and your families!



With love
Albanian Skills Team

WHY NATIONAL SKILLS COMPETITIONS IN ALBANIA?



National Skills Competitions are a strong voice to help raising the awareness for skills and VET system worldwide, as well as the showcase of excellence in professional skills. Initiated 6 years ago in Albania, through nationals we aimed to give the young generation an opportunity to exhibit their talents and expose them to wide view of skills competitions as part of their everyday life, in order to be introduced to the most relevant labor market needs skills and professional standards. Throughout the years, the skills competitions are enriched with new disciplines, providing the youngsters from 16 to 25 years old with an opportunity of competing in different fields of their interest. This year's competitions gathered more than 150 youngsters as competitors, juries and volunteers and we are delighted to have had them in this difficult time and under the restrictions of the pandemics. Competitors in 7 main disciplines: Software Development; Web Development; Entrepreneur in Business; Photography; Graphic Design; Hairdressing & Barber Skills and Hotel & Restaurant Services competed during one day and were introduced to several workshops and training opportunities for developing further their skills in entering the world of work and business. It was our organization's goal and at the same time aspiration, for the Albanian talented young generation to have the opportunity of competing at the European Vocational Skills Competitions. This year we are happy to announce the representation of Albania at Euroskills 2020 by the winner team of Entrepreneur in Business competition and a learning visit of the winners in other trades.

The 6th Edition of the Albanian National Skills Competitions for 2020 has successfully come to an end!



- Stay tuned and discover more at the Next Issue of INNOVET Albania Newsletter!!
- Innovation in VET in Albania-Success Story Corner
- Announcement of the Albanian Skills Week 2021
- INTERVET WB Student Call
- Testimonial from the Internship PROGRAMME
- Coffee Talk 5

In December 2020, the 4th Coffee Talk Event focused on the "Business and VET Education" confirmed the necessity of more ownership from schools in strengthening and improving the dialogue with businesses in relation to labor market relevance with learning process at school. Participants from the business world, VET high schools representatives and its staff opened a lot of discussions resulting at another round on January 2021 to be held with the same focus..

INTERVET WESTERN BALKANS - AN EXCELLENT PERSPECTIVE FOR VET EDUCATION

Report by Albanian Skills Team

- 7 Mobility Destinations:**
- Italy
 - Spain
 - Poland
 - Slovenia
 - France
 - Malta
 - Netherlands



The general objective of the INTERVET WB project is to improve the quality of VET education in Western Balkans thus ultimately favouring the employability of young people. This project consists at 4 main activities addressed to the VET academic staff and VET students. Main activities are Job Shadowing, Summer School, Professional Practice & Thematic Themes. Since VET Skills are step by step turning into "future skills", the young generation is heading more and more towards VET Education.

Internationalization of VET Systems in Western Balkans is an amazing opportunity for youngsters to experience a one to three month internship/professional practice/exchange. Such experience, gives them the right tools to be bold and distinguished in their field of study, bringing back the overall information and learning outcomes in their home country. Moreover, INTERVET WB Project will continue to create exchange opportunities until 2023, having a large impact on Western Balkans VET Education System.

The first call for students has recently closed and 10 Albanian students have been selected for a 1 month professional practice in Foli, Italy!

ALBANIAN SKILLS WEEK 2020 AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE EUROPEAN VOCATIONAL SKILLS WEEK 2020

Report by Albanian Skills Team

Albanian Skills Week is a week full of activities for young professionals in different fields of work and study organized from 2018 and inspired by the European Skills Week. It contains some of the most important topics for the young generation with focus on innovation and digitalization through activating the most innovative technologies and solutions among industries in the benefit of VET learners and teachers in the form of workshops, trainings, forums, life discussions and industry open doors activities. This year's skills week organized during 25-30 May proved to be a success because due to COVID pandemics it took place online entirely. The main topics were related to Artificial Intelligence, Sustainable Energy by Schneider Electric, Emotional Intelligence, Skills for Safer Life, The World of Work, Coding Club, Creative Industries etc., all very successful and with a high participation rate. During the European Vocational Skills Week 2020, which took place on 9-13 November online in Berlin, Albanian Skills contributed to two different events: VET Internationalization Conference in the panel of speakers and VET Excellence Closing Ceremony.



For more visit <https://ec.europa.eu/social/vocational-skills-week/>

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TWO WORDS BY ALBANIAN SKILLS'S INTERNS



"When you close a door you know what you are leaving behind, but not what awaits you". After completing my studies, I had no idea what I was going to find in the next door of my career. I would describe this internship opportunity as a "springboard", that prepared me for the next "jump" in my life. At Albanian Skills I discovered my skills, I discovered myself!

By Fatma Memalli

The internship I am currently enrolled at, near "Albanian Skills" NGO, is a valuable and great opportunity to discover my skills. In my up to now journey I have been working in different fields, thus gaining a lot of experience, from a different perspective, which I had not encountered before. It helped me to build a clearer vision of my near future. To be part of Albanian Skills means to be surrounded by understanding and positive people!

By Luljeta Hoda

