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# SKILLING UP THE WESTERN BALKANS AGRI-FOOD SECTOR: DIGITALISING, GREENING

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# Project aim and objectives

**Aim:** increase the level of SME innovation and competitiveness through higher level of connectedness between skills and innovation actors, relevant networking and peer learning.

## Objectives:

- Identify digital and technological changes and impact on demand for skills
- Connect skills and innovation actors for an ecosystem that supports change
- Peer learning partnerships with the EU ecosystem actors
- Facilitate networking to accelerate partnerships

# Stakeholders

1. Innovative SMEs involved in areas such as digital transformation and sustainable transition of the agri-food sector
2. Agri-food SMEs looking to make an innovation shift
3. Business associations and industry clusters supporting SME internationalisation
4. Education and training, and research institutions involved in innovation and skills formation in the agri-food area
5. WB6 policymakers (agri-food, education and training, private sector development, smart specialisation, SBA etc.)
6. EU member state actors (businesses, intermediary bodies, VET providers etc.)
7. EU institutions

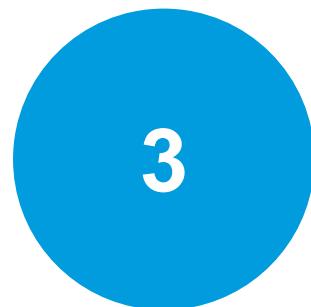
# Project steps



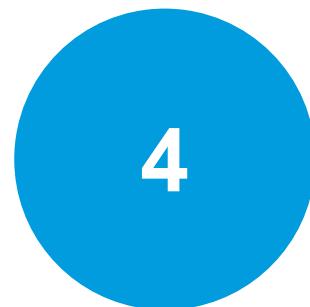
Mobilisation of stakeholders



Analysis of skills needs and technological trends



Foresight



Peer learning partnerships

# Data sources

## Standard data sources

Labour force surveys  
PES statistics on vacancies and job seekers  
Enterprise statistics  
Education statistics  
Censuses

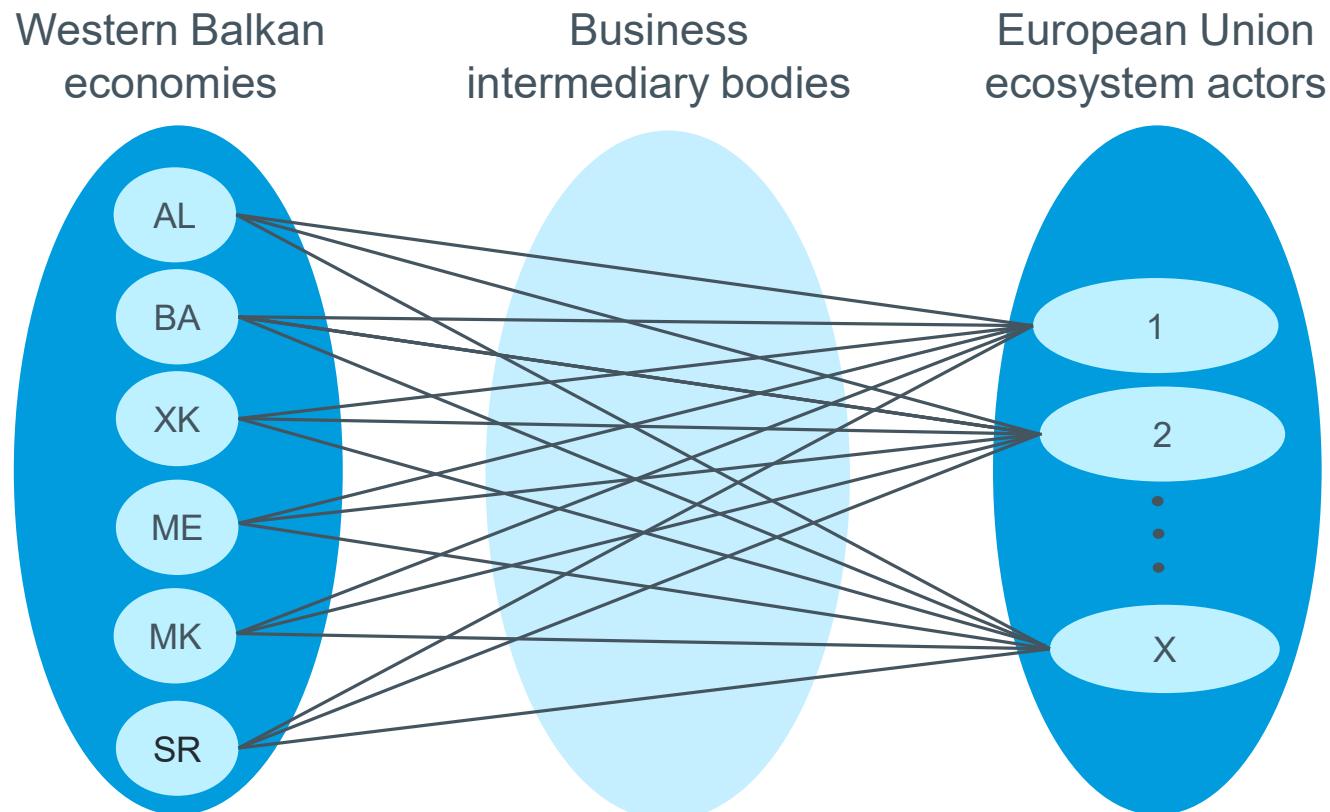
## Skill-specific data

Enterprise skills data  
Qualitative data on skills

## Other data sources

Projections of labour supply and demand  
International databases

# Peer learning partnerships



# Workflow 2022-2025

