AU-EU Skills for Youth Employability Programme

Africa’s young population is rapidly growing and expected to double to over 830 million by 2050. If properly harnessed, this increase in the working age population could support stronger and more inclusive economic growth across the continent. That is why the action seeks to improve youth occupational prospects through the support of innovative, job-oriented skills development programmes.

**Objectives**

The action aims to improve occupation prospects of young Africans through the support of innovative, job-oriented skills development programmes. The specific objectives are:

i) to support market-oriented skills development through investments in innovative projects and stronger linkages with the private sector

ii) to strengthen capacities for evidence-based planning, promote multi-stakeholder engagement, and to promote transferability of competences

iii) to improve the skills and competences of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) lecturers (teaching staff) and of students

**Activities**

**Component 1: “Skills Initiative for Africa” Financing facility**

- Support innovative incubator projects that introduce new training methodologies.
- Facilitate collaboration between training providers and industries to promote demand driven curriculum development and internship programmes.

**Component 2: “Skills Initiative for Africa” Technical Cooperation**

- Strengthen continental and regional dialogue platforms and partnerships for enhanced engagement of the private sector in training and education programmes, sharing of knowledge and best practices in innovative VET policies and systems.
- Capacity building for member states, RECs, NEPAD on skills identification and anticipation methods, approaches and systems at national, regional, and sectoral level.
- Support the development of African Continental Qualification Framework (ACQF) that will facilitate comparability and mutual recognition of qualifications.

**Component 3: “Pilot VET mobility project”**

- Setting up the mobility arrangements by the consortium of African and European VET providers and implementation of mobility.
- Development of individual action plans for the schools (management) and the teaching staff involved in the mobility upon return.

**Implementation**

Component 1: indirect management by KfW Entwicklungsbank
Component 2: indirect management by GIZ
Component 3: Direct management by DG EAC, call for proposals

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