

Better Qualifications for Better Jobs

General Information

<u>Sector:</u>	Employment/ Vocational Education and Training
<u>Duration:</u>	4 years
<u>Implementation period:</u>	2017-2020
<u>Overall Budget:</u>	EUR 15 mln
<u>Budget support:</u>	EUR 13 mln
<u>Complementary support:</u>	EUR 2 mln

Project Description

Objective: To enhance labour market efficiency and contribute to employability of vocational education and training graduates in Armenia.

Specific objectives: **Objective I:** To improve the labour market intermediation and guidance services in order to ensure better access to employment both for men and women.
Objective II: To improve the employment perspectives of graduate students in a pilot sector (vocational education and training in agricultural institutions).

Scope of the reforms:

- Improvement of mechanisms to match supply and demand of labour for both men and women through enhancing labour market collection and analysis system, operating Sector Skills councils and reinforcing the capacity of employers to formulate labour market needs;
- Improvement of qualification and employability of jobseekers, enhancement of capacity of State Employment Agency and its regional branches and increasing quality of lifelong learning training programmes;
- Development and strengthening of the national system of professional orientation with career guidance and research capacity in state education institutions and implementation of employment programmes targeting graduating students and vulnerable people;
- Improvement of mechanism to match labour supply of VET agricultural institutions with demand, enhancement of cooperation between employers/labour market stakeholders in VET institutions and development of quality assurance system for all agriculture VET institutions;
- Enhancement of qualification and employability of VET agricultural students in line with labour market needs;
- Rehabilitation and refurbishment of agriculture VET centres to offer modernised facilities for work-based learning and developing a national programme for apprenticeship targeting VET agriculture students.