

Training Provides Opportunities in Eastern and South East Europe

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The Robert Bosch Stiftung supports the vocational training of young people by contributing to a demand-oriented, sustainable improvement of training opportunities in Eastern and South East Europe. The funding program "Training Provides Opportunities" is aimed at vocational professions in trades, agriculture and the service sector as well as in the health and the social service professions.

The program's goals include

- conceptualizing and testing new training courses,
- making existing training courses more practice- and market-oriented, for example through
 - o the development of new curricula and examination regulations,
 - o the improvement of course materials,
 - o the qualification of trainers,
 - o the establishment of partnerships between vocational schools and industry,
 - o the initialization of international recognition of the degrees, as well as
- facilitating access to suitable employment.

We support

- projects that facilitate structural change
- advisory and consulting roles through German partners
- private initiatives that conceptualize and implement qualifications within an existing cooperation
- strategic partnerships between vocational training institutions and industry from Eastern and South East Europe with Germany

Funding criteria

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- Proposal and project implementation must be submitted through a German partner.
- Applicant must have knowledge of the country, in which the project is going to be implemented and is competent in vocational training.
- A contribution in cash or in kind by the applicant or project partner is desirable.
- The country of implementation is Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania or the Ukraine. Ties to projects that are presently supported by the Robert Bosch Stiftung are desirable. Project sites exist, for example, in Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Kazanlak in Bulgaria; Beclean, Bukarest, Cluj, Iasi and Oradea in Romania.
- Funding is not available for:
 - o training and employment that are solely for charities with a therapeutic and rehabilitative remit
 - o equipping and furnishing workshops without a strong connection to a project
 - o needs assessment and market analysis

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