

Vocational Education and Training (VET)

Erasmus+ VET participation results of Montenegro

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The EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sports

Fosters EU-EU and EU-international cooperation

Funding for programmes, projects and scholarships

Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027:

- Builds on previous programme
- More international

International cooperation

EU Member States

+

***Third countries
associated to the
programme:***

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway,
Republic of North Macedonia,
Serbia, Turkey

+

**Third countries not
associated to the
programme**

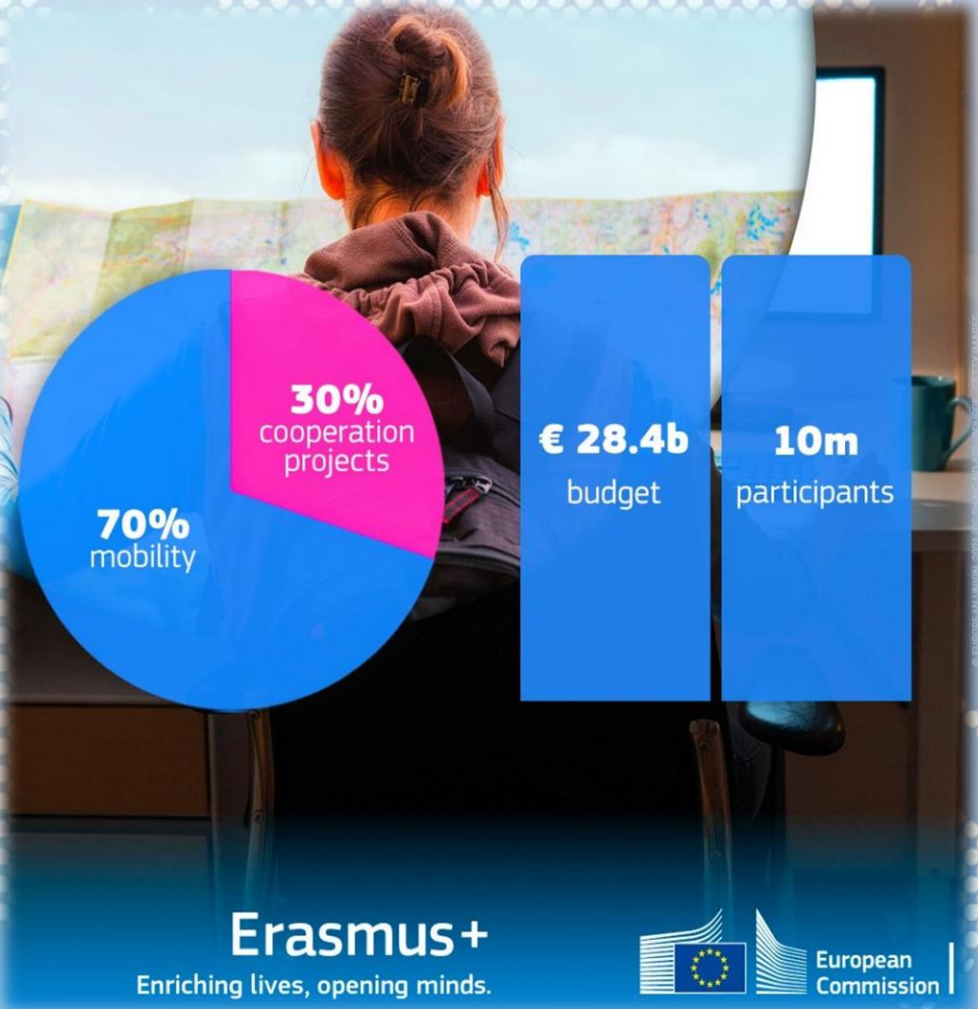
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third country not
associated to the
programme)

Look into the Erasmus+ 2021-2027

Budget:
More than
28 billion EUR

Priorities of the programme:

- Inclusion and diversity
- Digital transformation
- Green economy



How it all started?

VET pilot mobility scheme 2018

- Decision of EC - The **European Commission's Strategy for the Western Balkans** significantly enhanced EU engagement to better support the Western Balkans' preparations on the European path:
- VET scheme is one of the actions foreseen for "*Supporting socio-economic development*" – a part of the global goal, one of the six flagship initiatives
- Allocating for VET scheme a budget of 2 million EUR to put in place the VET scheme between the Enlargement countries, on the one side, and the EU Member States, on the other side.

- ***Results of Montenegrin participation in VET mobility scheme – 5 mobility projects in total (within 2 Calls for proposals)***

Montenegro in VET mobility scheme - Call for proposals (EAC/S34/2018)

INTERVET (Internationalisation of VET systems in Western Balkans)

- Coordinator - Italian organisation *Uniser Societa Cooperativa Sociale Onlus* based in Forli
- 7 Member States (Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Malta, Spain, Slovenia and Poland) + 1 partner from each of the Western Balkan countries, making a total of 14 partners
- **Partner from Montenegro: Chamber of Economy**

The Call for proposals **EAC/S34/2018**

- To introduce the “culture of learning mobility” in the field of VET that Europe has been knowing since the launch of the Erasmus programme
- Increase the capacities of VET teachers and headmasters on learning mobility and planning managing process of mobility projects
- To prepare young people for the transition to the labour market and at the same time support the development of local economies

Montenegro in VET mobility scheme - Call for proposals (EAC/S54/2019)

- **Mobility for VET in Europe (MOVET) Italian applicant. EUR 999.948,17**
 - The Center for employment and education of adults, organizing and conducting a psychological professional rehabilitation
 - Employment Agency of Montenegro
 - Vocational secondary school Pljevlja

- **VET for Western Balkan (V4WB) Danish applicant. EUR 1.000.000,00**
 - Secondary Vocational School of Electrical Engineering “Vaso Aligrudic”

- **Connected Through Mobility (CTM) Hungarian applicant. EUR 999.999,00**
 - Centar za stručno obrazovanje

- **VET to VET – Capacity Building in Western Balkans (V2V). Italian applicant. EUR 999.930,00**
 - Srednja mješovita škola “Danilo Kiš”
 - Vocational secondary school “Ivan Uskoković”



Capacity building in the field of vocational education and training

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

- The EU has set a number of priorities regarding geographical balance and specific objectives:
- **Western Balkans**
 - ❖ *Economic and Investment Plan and/or the European Training Foundation recommendations under the Torino process*
 - ❖ *Mobility of learners and staff*

Statistics on CB VET selection 2022

Number of submitted projects: **121**

Number of inadmissible projects: **4** (reason: not correct application form used)

Number of ineligible projects: **23** (reasons: applicant/coordinator from not eligible country; not enough countries/partners; more organisations from EU and third countries associated to the Programme THAN organisations from third countries not associated to the Programme; one organisation submitted more than one application)

Number of evaluated projects: **93**

Number of projects reaching
threshold and above
(60 points and more): **58**

Total budget requested for above-threshold projects:
21 321 260 EUR
Western Balkans region – 8.028.496 EUR

Statistics from 2022

Statistics on the success in 2022 call



Montenegrin participation results in CB VET 2022 - 9 projects

- 1. Addressing skills mismatching in the green sector through Digital Upskilling of VET (ADDUPT) Coordinator – Spain; partner from Montenegro - **ZELENI DOM-GREEN HOME UDRUŽENJE**
- 2. Bridging the Gap – Youth Work-Based Learning Cooperation with the Western Balkans (BRIDGE) Coordinator – Bulgaria; partner from Montenegro - **CENTAR ZA STRUČNO OBRAZOVANJE CRNE GORE**
- 3. Developing Capacity for VET Systems in Western Balkans (DC-VET WB) Coordinator Italy; partners from Montenegro - **PRIVREDNA KOMORA CRNE GORE, ZAVOD ZA ŠKOLSTVO PODGORICA**
- 4. Digital Womunication (DW) Coordinator Italy; partner from Montenegro - **MLADIINFO MONTENEGRO**



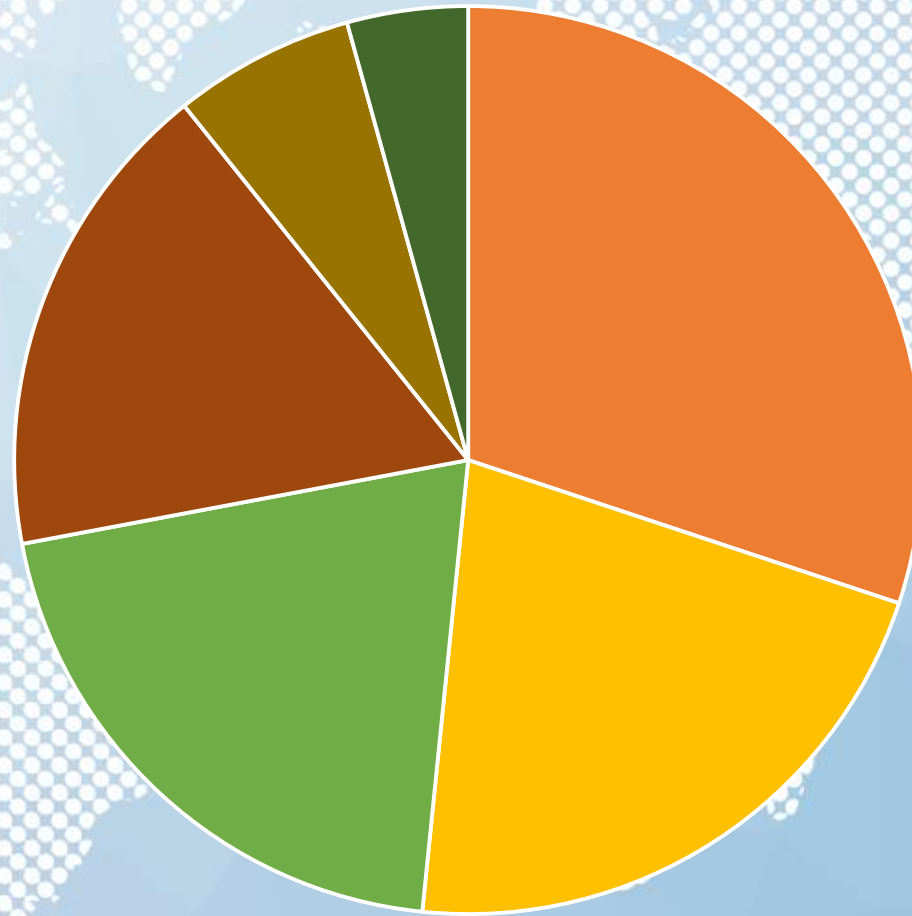
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- 5. Grow-in VET: A capacity building for WB VET schools and learners (GVET) Coordinator Hungary; partner from Montenegro - **CENTAR ZA STRUČNO OBRAZOVANJE CRNE GORE**
- 6. Microcredentials – A New Path for Capacity Building in VET (MC.VET) Coordinator Croatia; partners from Montenegro – **CENTAR ZA STRUČNO OBRAZOVANJE CRNE GORE i JU SREDNJA STRUČNA ŠKOLA „IVAN USKOKOVIĆ”**
- 7. The Education-Work-Entrepreneurship Chain Model for VET in the Western Balkans (BaVET-EWEC) – Coordinator Slovakia; partner from Montenegro **Univerzitet Donja Gorica**
- 8. Education and Training PRovision with ENtrepreneurial – Vocational Education and Training PRovision with ENtrepreneurial Education Uptake in the Region (VETpreneur) Coordinator - Serbia Partners from Montenegro - **Junior Achievement Montenegro; ZAVOD ZA ŠKOLSTVO PODGORICA, Univerzitet Donja Gorica**
- 9. Beyond Europe with micro credentials (BEM) Coordinator - Germany Partners from Montenegro – **JU SSŠ Vukadin Vukadinović Berane; JU SSŠ Spasoje Raspopović; Centar za stručno obrazovanje**

Regional success rate in 2023 call

Country	No of submitted proposals involving the country	No of selected proposals involving the country (including associated partners)	Instances of participation in selected proposals
Albania	28	11	28
Bosnia and Herzegovina	20	11	22
Kosovo*	19	5	11
Montenegro	16	8	11
North Macedonia	6	2	3
Serbia	4	2	2

Submitted projects by WB countries in 2023 call



■ Albania ■ Bosnia and Hercegovina ■ Kosovo ■ Montenegro ■ North Macedonia ■ Serbia

Submitted versus selected CB VET projects 2023 - Montenegro



Montenegrin participation results in CB VET 2023 - 8 projects

1. Digital Response to Unemployment Problems in Western Balkans (DRUPWB) Coordinator Lithuania Partners from Montenegro - **SSŠ „Marko Radević“; NVO Glas**
2. Engaging Employers for a Relevant and Resilient VET (EmployVET) Coordinator Slovenia Partners from Montenegro **Privredna komora Crne Gore i Centar za stručno obrazovanje Crne Gore**
3. Green transition of Female Entrepreneurs in the Balkan region (G-FEB) Coordinator Greece Partner from Montenegro **BUSINESS WOMEN ASSOCIATION**
4. Innovation in Green and Digital VET Skills for Sustainable Lifestyles (INVEST) Coordinator Spain Partner from Montenegro **Privredna komora Crne Gore**

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5. Move to Improve Coordinator Slovakia Partner from Montenegro **Centar za stručno obrazovanje**
6. Key entrepreneurial competencies & employability (Open Future) Coordinator Serbia Partner from Montenegro – **SMŠ Danilo Kiš**
7. Promoting Vertical farming in Western Balkan through strengthening the linkages between business sector and VET provider (PROVER) Coordinator Greece Partners from Montenegro **PLANTAĐUN i RACC EDUCO**
8. A VET Education Program for Energy and Environment Capacities development in the Western Balkans Entrepreneur Learners (VETERANS) Coordinator Greece Partner from Montenegro **Centar za podršku lokalnog i regionalnog razvoja CEP**

CB VET 2024 CALL - results

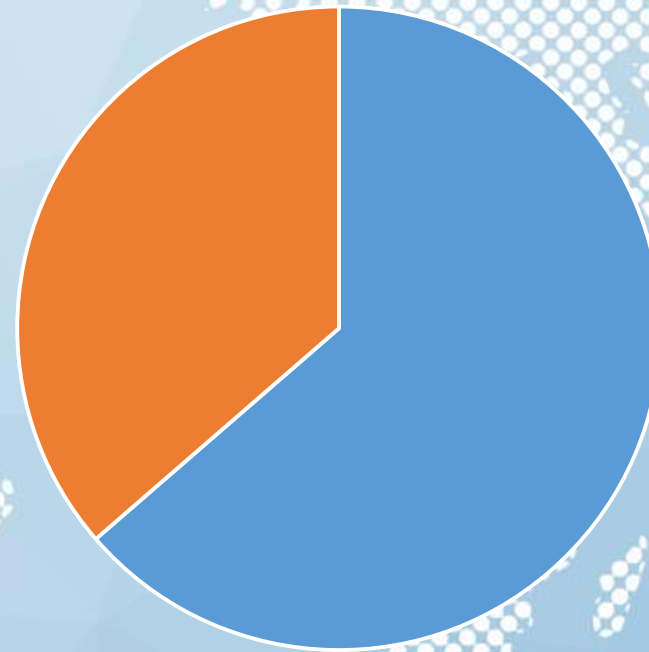
- **Total budget: 25.250.170 EUR**

The European Commission recommended **72** out of 280 eligible CB VET applications for funding (success rate – 26%). 78 third countries not associated to the programme are included in these 72 projects.

- **Western Balkans: 22 projects**
- Neighbourhood East: 9 projects
- South-Mediterranean countries: 11 projects
- Sub-Saharan Africa: 23 projects
- Latin America: 6 projects
- Caribbean: 1 project

CB VET 2024 statistics

Project Participation by Institution Type

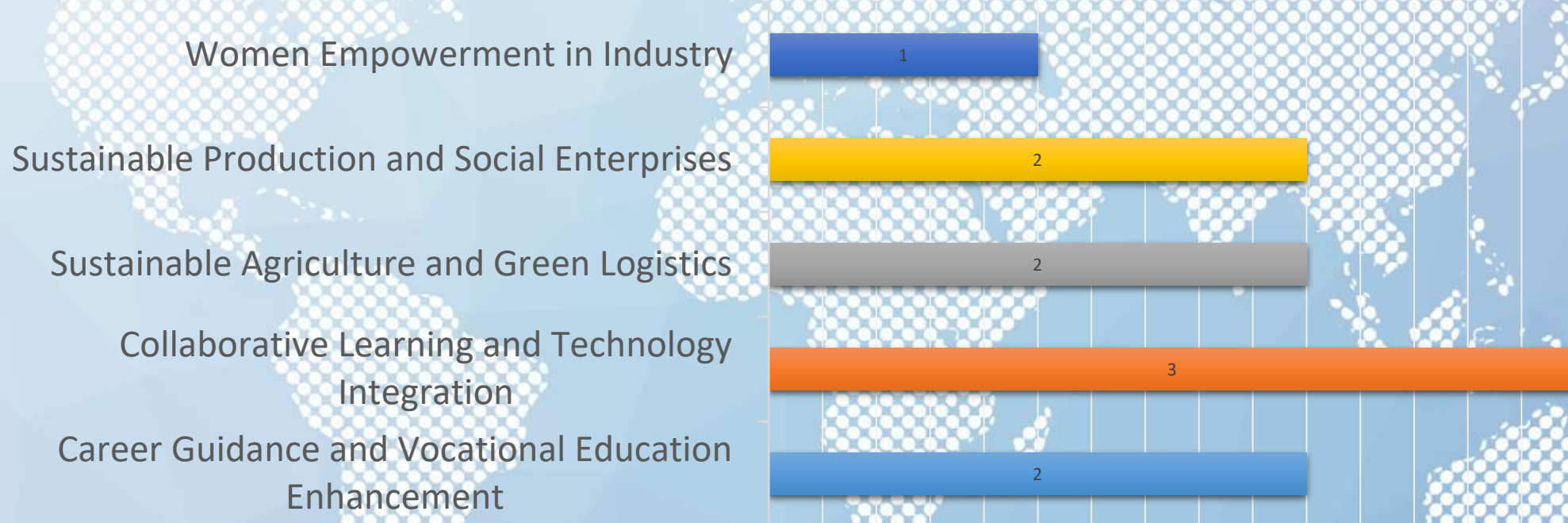


■ Non-academic partners ■ Vocational schools

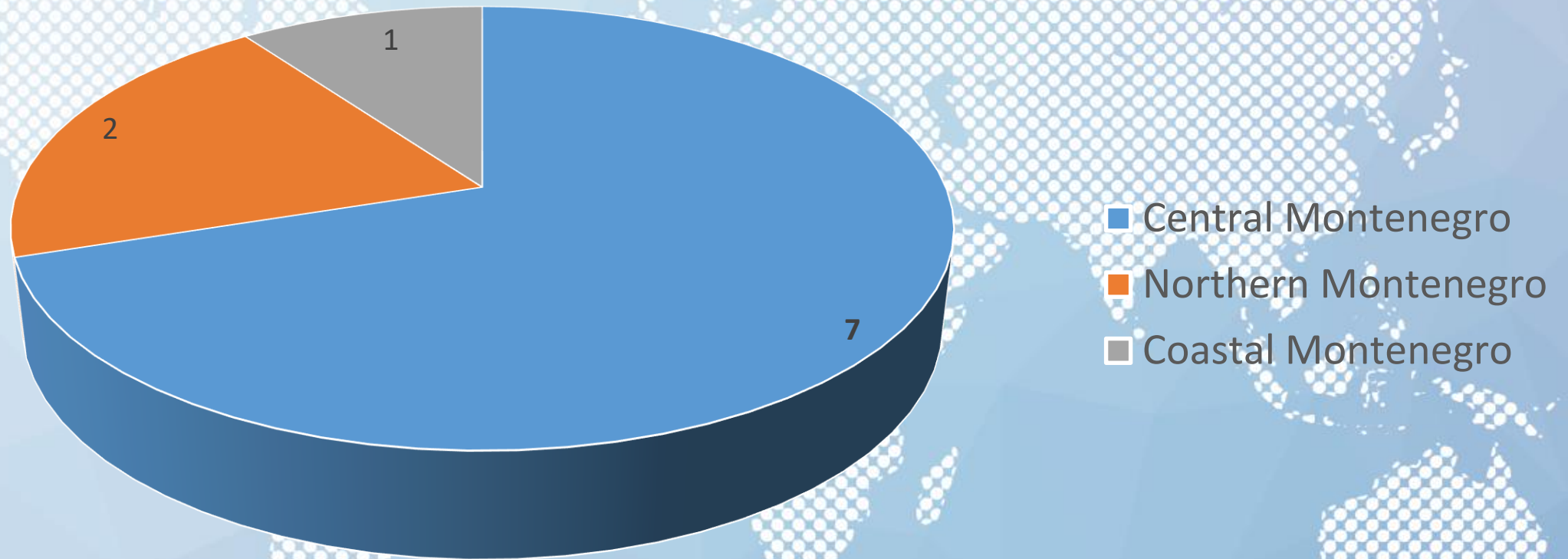
CB VET 2024 statistics – number of projects per institution



Distribution of projects by Focus Area in CB VET 2024 - Montenegro



Geographic distribution of projects



Montenegrin participation results in CB VET 2024 - 10 projects

- 1.CG-International (Fostering International Career Guidance in VET) - **JU Srednja stručna škola Pljevlja**
- 2.CL-BVET (Education and Training for Collaborative Learning in Blended Learning Environments) - **JU Srednja stručna škola Pljevlja; Centar za stručno obrazovanje; Društvo sa ograničenom odgovornošću Inovaciono preduzetnički centar Tehnopolis**
- 3.METATECH4.0 (MetaTech Exchange: Bridging Industry 4.0 in Western Balkans) - **Unija poslodavaca Crne Gore**
- 4.MetaVET (Modern Education Training Advancements via Virtual Environment Technologies) - **JU Srednja stručna škola Nikšić; Centar za stručno obrazovanje**
- 5.Mush-Link (Promoting Mushroom Farming in Western Balkans through Strengthening Linkages between VET Providers and the Business Sector) - **Društvo sa ograničenom odgovornošću Plantažun Bar**

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- 6.SEE-GL (Skills and Employment Enhancement in Green Logistics) - **Z&S Global**
- 7.SUSFUR (Promoting Sustainable Furniture Production in the Western Balkans through Strengthening the Linkages between Business Sector and VET Provider) - **Novi Horizonti**
- 8.TtraSE (Twin Transition for Social Enterprises in Arts and Craft Sectors) - **Centar za stručno obrazovanje; Asocijacija za demokratski prosperitet – ZID Udruženje**
- 9.VETechConn (Elevating Vocational Education in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro through Collaborative Enhancement of VET Teachers) - **Srednja elektrotehnička škola Vaso Aligrudić; Srednja stručna škola Nikšić; Centar za stručno obrazovanje**
- 10.WEC (Women Empowered in Construction) - **J.U S.G.S Inž. Marko Radević**

Potential challenges for VET projects

Dissemination
activities

Support of
national
authorities

Creation of
synergy
among VET
projects

Active
participation
of secondary
vocational
schools

Thank you for your attention!

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