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Regional Challenge Fund
Third Call for Expressions of Interest

The Regional Challenge Fund (RCF) enhances the sustainable competitiveness of businesses in the Western Balkan 6 on the way to the EU single market through financing VET providers addressing skill needs in cooperation with companies.The grants are allocated through a competitive regional challenge.

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development commissioned 64.43 million EUR for the RCF, and the Swiss Government, represented by the SDC Swiss Development Cooperation, co-financed an additional 9.7 million CHF. The funds were commissioned to the KfW Development Bank and executed by the Western Balkans 6 Chamber Investment Forum (WB6-CIF), a joint initiative of chambers of commerce from the region.

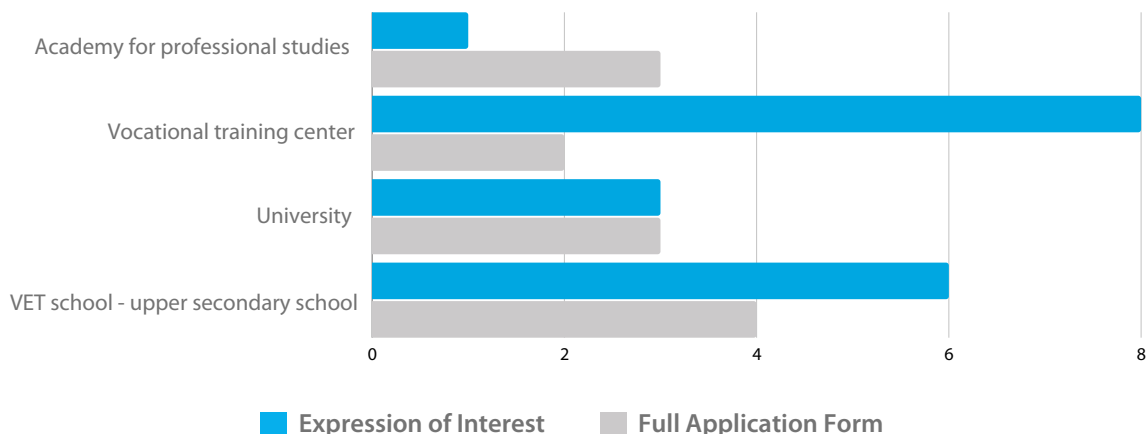## BREAKDOWN FOR KOSOVO AFTER THREE RCF CALLS

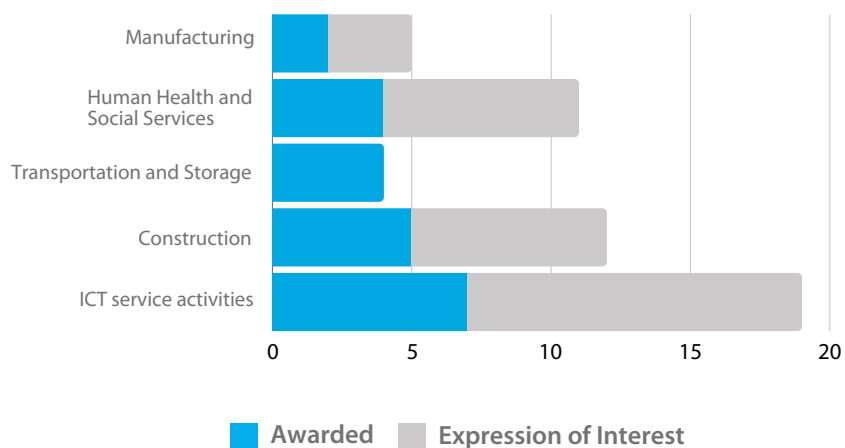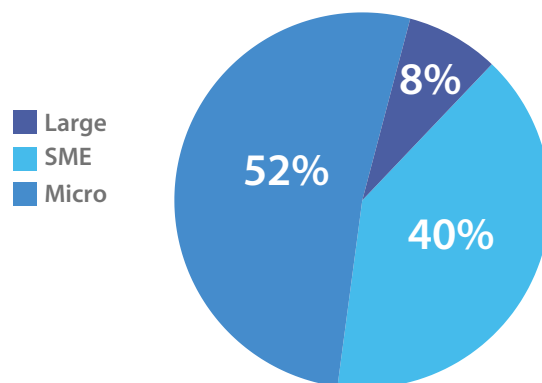| 16 PROJECTS	>	8.12 MILLION EUR COMMITTED	>	57 PARTNERING ENTERPRISES

RCF 3RD CALL – Type of Vocational Training Provider

Horizontal bar chart — Type of Vocational Training Provider:

- Academy for professional studies: Expression of Interest ≈ 1; Full Application Form ≈ 3
- Vocational training center: Expression of Interest = 8; Full Application Form = 2
- University: Expression of Interest = 3; Full Application Form = 3
- VET school - upper secondary school: Expression of Interest = 6; Full Application Form = 4

X-axis: 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

Legend: ■ Expression of Interest   ■ Full Application Form

Economic Sector of Enterprises

- Manufacturing
- Human Health and Social Services
- Transportation and Storage
- Construction
- ICT service activities

0 5 10 15 20

■ Awarded ■ Expression of Interest

Type of Enterprises

■ Large
■ SME
■ Micro

8%
52%
40%

Third Call - Overview

18
- **18 consortia** including **55 enterprises** submitted EoIs.
- ICT and Construction are the most dominant sectors.

14
- **14 consortia** passed the compliance check out of which **14 consortia** partnering with **48 enterprises** were shortlisted.

5
- **5 consortia** were proposed for financing.
- The consortia were formed by 2 private VET schools, 1 professional training center, 2 private universities and 15 enterprises.
- **2,275,386 EUR** were dedicated to the five projects in Kosovo.

List of Projects from Kosovo
Proposed for Financing in the Third RCF Call

LEADING VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES	CITY	AMOUNT [1] EUR	PARTNERING ENTERPRISES	PROGRAMME
BRITISH GYMNASIUM OF TECHNOLOGY	PRISHTINA	599,240	• DATAPROGNET SH.P.K. • KUTIZA	• Sustainable innovative teaching towards Industrial Revolution 4.0
"PJETER BUDI" COLLEGE	PRISHTINA	598,000	• SHALA - DENT • DR. MILOT SH. CARABREGU SH.P.K. • ARBEN A. SHALA B.I • URBAN DENTAL • WUS KOSOVA	• Training programs for Dental Technicians and Dental Assistants
SHEHU ACADEMY	DRENAS	589,000	• NOLL MASCHINENBAU L.L.C • ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL • B B R O S L.L.C	• Metal-Tech and CNC Operation Training Program
UBT HIGHER EDUCATION	PRISHTINA	226,000	• QUANTIX L.L.C • ALT SH.P.K	• Developing Software Developer Skills by Integrating Artificial Intelligence
UNITED PIXELS ACADEMY CATIONAL TRAINING CENTER	PRISHTINA	263,146	• ORIGIN3 AGENCY L.L.C • MANAFERRA LLC • A.L. KOSOVA PRESS SH.P.K.	• Graphic Design Training

[1] The amounts are subject to additional verification by the pool of technical experts, confirmation through funding agreements, and the outcome of the procurements to be organized for the planned investments.