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# **Vocational Education and Training in the Republic of Azerbaijan**

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**The State Agency for Vocational Training** under the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan was established by the Decree No. 869 of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on April 20, 2016;

**The new Vocational Education Law** adopted in 2018 to broaden the scope of vocational education and create a pathway to higher education





## Vocational education in education system

### VET providers:

- 74 vocational education institutions – 2 private and 72 public

### Vocational education institutions:

- Vocational lyceum
- Vocational education center
- Vocational school

For the Current Academic Year	
Number of students	22 300
Number of teachers	3 086



## VET in pandemic period

- **Connection of students** to online learning (via Microsoft Teams) – 97 %
- **Connection of teachers** to online learning (via Microsoft Teams) – 95 %
- Production and streaming of **video lessons** – 294 video lessons





# Development outlook for vocational education





## Main development targets

- **Modernisation of infrastructure** of VET providers
- Establishment of **high technical VET level** in education system
- Improvement of **content** of education programs and materials
- Strengthening of **coordination** in VET and private sector
- Strengthening of involvement and **cooperation** with private sector
- **Recruiting** of new teachers and VET managers
- Introduction of **dual VET system** components to VET system
- Establishment of **World skills** streaming



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## Modern Vocational education centers

Gabala Vocational Education Center



Ganja Industrial and Technological Vocational Education Center



Baku Industry and Innovation Vocational Education Center





## Development of educational content and international cooperation

- **Education programs** (curricula) have been developed for 81 specialties,
- **51 module** teaching aids and **55 new textbooks** were prepared,
- **78 training** modules are being prepared.

More than 6 development projects in international partners







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National [Online] Workshop on implementing the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development

***“Learning for Sustainability in Higher and Vocational Education and Training in the Republic of Azerbaijan”***

21-22 April 2021, Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan



Recording

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Participants 69

Chat

Share Screen

Record

Reactions

Interpretation

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The workshop was organized in the framework of the capacity building activities aimed at implementing the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) at the national level.

The workshop was focused on the following main objectives: Providing an understanding of the content of ESD and SDGs in relevance to vocational education, especially for priority areas for Azerbaijan – agriculture, tourism, oil and gas.

### **Participants of the workshop:**

Experts from Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Cyprus, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia and Belarus

Teachers and students of vocational and higher education system, representatives of ministries, business community of Azerbaijan, international organizations.



Within the framework of the workshop based on the relevant reports and strategic policy documents the experts is elaborated a draft **Questionnaire** aimed at analysing the existing situation in the national VET system to be disseminated **among the participating stakeholders**.

Based on the analysis of the questionnaires received from the participating stakeholders the **“Current situation on implementing ESD in VET in Azerbaijan”** survey was prepared

Analysing situation in the identified above referred priority areas that served as a background for the workshop discussions and developing further recommendations on the issue of integrating education for sustainable development in the VET system.



## Draft Recommendations

- Strengthen **strategic** alliances around VET
- Organize **STRUCTURAL dialogue** between (at least) Schools – Businesses – Government – TVET Centres
- Try to include also **Youth/student participation**, NGO's etc.
- Make strategic (educational) **plans** PER SECTOR
- Think about **urgent priorities** (e.g. after COVID 19, rapid development and demands of markets) But do not forget about future developments and fundamental changes (innovations, transitions) toward sustainability.



- Organize a **platform for coordination** and exchange of good-practices, expertise and perhaps equipment, (ESD) training of staff, more competence-oriented education,
- Make clear understanding of more generic competences and specific SD competences and make them **applicable in the curriculum**
- **Improve curricula** and materials towards ESD.
- Attract new highly **qualified specialists** to VET system



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**Thank you!**