

## CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: EXPERTISE ON DUAL VET

The “Skills for Jobs” (S4J) project is seeking qualified experts and consultants to express their interest in contributing to the implementation of dual Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems in Albania.

### Context and About the S4J Project

[Swisscontact](#), an independent, non-profit Swiss foundation, is dedicated to promoting economic, social, and environmental development. The [Skills for Jobs \(S4J\)](#) project, mandated by the **Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)** and implemented by Swisscontact Albania, aims to enhance the quality and inclusiveness of the Albanian VET system, thus improving the competitiveness of the Albanian economy.

The Albanian Government is launching a reform to implement dual VET curricula, aimed at aligning human capital development with labor market needs. Beginning in the 2024-25 schooling year, the vocational education system will adopt this dual approach in 10 schools across six regions. This will allow students to gain hands-on experience by working with companies for at least three days a week in directions such as Hospitality and Tourism, Information and Communication Technology, Transport Vehicle Services, and Electrotechnics. *In its third phase, S4J will continue to support the Albanian Government in implementing this significant reform, drawing on the Swiss model’s extensive experience in fostering close collaboration between VET institutions and the private sector to improve the quality of VET.*

### Required Qualifications and Expertise

We are seeking experts with experience in implementing Dual VET systems who can contribute in the following areas:

- **Private Sector Engagement:** Building partnerships and liaison with the private sector and chambers of commerce to implement and support the dual system.
- **Capacity Building:** Developing and implementing capacity-building initiatives for the private sector to facilitate the implementation of dual VET.
- **Apprenticeship Programs:** Assisting selected schools in the implementation of dual VET programs.

General requirements:

- Relevant educational background.
- Understanding of industry-specific requirements and trends, with experience across various sectors.
- Familiarity with policies, regulations, and standards governing Dual VET systems.
- Experience in implementing apprenticeship programs or experience from German-speaking countries is considered an asset.
- Strong communication skills and ability to collaborate effectively within a team.

Applicants may express their interest in one or more areas.

### How to Apply

Interested consultants should submit their CV highlighting their expertise, to [al.info@swisscontact.org](mailto:al.info@swisscontact.org) by September 20, 2024. Please specify in the e-mail subject: **S4J – Dual VET – Name Surname**. All applicants will receive a confirmation of submission.