

Learning CDC in VET in schools

Albania

DESCRIPTION

In the VET curricula In Albania, **several subjects address (or could address) issues related to CDC**. The main subject is **Citizenship Education**, normally taught in the first year (grade 10) of VET schools. This subject is **compulsory for all VET programmes and consists of 70 lessons**. Other subjects that offer opportunities for integrating CDC in school include **History** (a compulsory subject in all VET programmes) as well as **Life Skills** and **Career Education**.

Citizenship Education in VET aims to help learners “build and develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and values needed in a democratic society, to develop their potential in all dimensions (intellectual, physical, spiritual, emotional, ethical and social)”.

Key elements of Citizenship Education include **the rule of law, the Constitution of Albania, and Human Rights**, and it aims at enabling learners to develop their :

- **knowledge and intellectual skills**, which are indispensable to understand, to analyse and to influence policies;
- **participatory skills and promote a conscious, responsible, and qualified involvement** in processes of **solving community problems**;
- commitment to **respect values and principles of democratic coexistence**.

CDC is also directly promoted in the learning objectives in the **History curriculum of VET programmes**, which requires learners to develop competences with regard to :

- **understanding and interpreting the past** in order to be able to understand **its relationship with the present and the future**;
- fostering **fundamental values of citizenship, tolerance, human rights and democracy**;
- sharpening their **intellectual skills** in order to be able **to analyse and interpret historical information in a critical and responsible way**;
- becoming **active citizens at local, national, and global level**;
- **interacting constructively with individuals from different cultural backgrounds**.