

## CDC implementation through a civic education module in VET schools

### Georgia

#### DESCRIPTION

In Georgia's VET education system, **democratic competences are integrated within the civic education module**, which is a **stand-alone subject taught in the majority of VET programmes**, while a **few programmes have incorporated civic education themes across various sectoral modules**. The recently revised module for civic education was developed by IFES (International Foundation for Electoral Systems) which has been a dedicated supporter of democratic elections and political processes in Georgia. IFES continues to play a key role in building a better future for democratic processes in Georgia. Additionally, IFES introduced a civic education course in Georgian universities, which would eventually expand to include over 70 tertiary institutions, as well as pedagogical and vocational schools.

The **civic education module in VET covers topics, such as understanding the democratic political system, the role of political actors and the relationship between citizens, awareness of basic human rights and their protection mechanisms**.

The development of key democratic culture competences in VET is carried out with a **comprehensive manner: as a stand-alone general module of civic education** within the formal education - where civic engagement projects serve as the main assessment tool - and **transversally**, by integrating competence descriptors and indicators into professional sectoral modules. Extracurricular activities, such as civic engagement projects, are also encouraged through **non-formal education**. The Skills Agency Georgia is actively working in integrating the descriptors of the Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture into the mentioned learning modules.