

Social and Economic Cohesion through Vocational and Technical Education (SEUP II)

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DESCRIPTION

The **Social and Economic Cohesion through Vocational and Technical Education Project (SEUP-II)**, co-financed by the European Union and implemented by the Directorate General of Vocational and Technical Education in cooperation with KfW German Development Bank, **aims to strengthen inclusion, employability, and democratic participation among Turkish and Syrian youth**. After an initial phase from **2017 to 2023**, the second phase of the project has been carried out from **2020 to 2025**. The project focuses on **modernising VET schools across 15 provinces and 26 vocational fields** through the **renovation of workshops and procurement of modern equipment**. It **enhances social integration and democratic culture by providing equal learning opportunities, promoting learner participation, and ensuring that schools become inclusive spaces where diversity is valued**. The project emphasises **respect for diversity, critical thinking, and cooperation**. Support activities including **meal provision, transportation, and material aid for 30.000 students, along with 10.000 household visits, reinforce social inclusion and community engagement**. Communication activities are carried out to promote vocational and technical education. Turkish students and Syrian students under temporary protection engage in joint social activities within the school environment, fostering social cohesion and developing their talents. The project thus represents an **integrated approach linking democratic values, vocational excellence, and social cohesion**.

REFLECTIONS

- Integrating **social cohesion and vocational excellence** fosters **mutual understanding and inclusion**;
- **Digital and green transformation accelerates equality of opportunity and employability**;
- **Teacher capacity-building in inclusive pedagogy** enhances **classroom democracy and participation**.

IMPACT

- **58 VET schools modernised; 1,010 workshops renovated**;
- **Over 30000 disadvantaged students received educational support**;
- **1500 graduates placed in registered employment**;
- **Strengthened inclusion and intercultural learning through mixed Turkish–Syrian classrooms**.