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Upskilling African VET to Step
forward Smart Entrepreneurship



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What is Smart Step?

Smart Step is a project that aims to improve the training programs offered in vocational education and training (VET) schools in **Ghana and Cameroon**.

The project seeks to **prepare students for entrepreneurship and bridge the gap between the education system and the labor market**. This is achieved through a **strategic partnership between African and European organizations**, which provides technical support and relevant knowledge to both the **private sector and civil society** in the field of **entrepreneurship**.

Smart Step's focus is on **capacity development and sustainable development in Africa**, with the goal of equipping teachers and learners with the necessary skills to successfully implement their own business ideas.

Objectives



To establish a comprehensive and collaborative system of exchange of **good practices, learning processes, and activities** to facilitate **mutual knowledge**.



To introduce specific **training on entrepreneurship to VET teachers, tutors, and learners**, encouraging them to think about sustainable innovation production and inclusiveness, adapted to their environment.

Timeline



36 months
3 phases



Analyzing and understanding the state-of-the-art of entrepreneurship in Ghana and Cameroon as career opportunities for young people and identifying the mismatch between the educational approach and the labor market needs.



Designing a Knowledge Exchange Platform where all the training modules and capacity-building programs developed in Smart Step will be shared.



Providing tools, training modules, and resources to the VET centers and the local community about entrepreneurship. Incubators will be created in VET schools to form, guide, and advise the learners.