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OID Number	M33308331B
PIC Number	879490077
Full legal name (national language)	Shkolla Profesionale Elbasan
Full legal name (latin characters – if applicable)	Professional School Elbasan
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<b>PROFILE</b>	
Type of organization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. University</li> <li><b>2. VET centre vocational training secondary level</b></li> <li>3. VET centre vocational training tertiary level</li> <li>4. SME (education, tourism, hospitality)</li> <li>5. Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>6. Public authority</li> <li>7. Association</li> <li>8. Other (specify)</li> </ol>
If any, what are the EQF level(s) addressed by your organization?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Upper secondary education (ISCED-3)</b></li> <li>- Post-secondary non-tertiary education (ISCED-4)</li> <li>- Short cycle within the first cycle / Short-cycle tertiary education (ISCED-5 )</li> <li>- First cycle / Bachelor’s or equivalent level (ISCED-6)</li> <li>- Second cycle / Master’s or equivalent level (ISCED-7)</li> <li>- Third cycle / Doctoral or equivalent (ISCED-8)</li> </ul>
Sectors/areas your organisation is involved in –	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. ICT – Information and communication technology</b></li> <li><b>2. Business economics &amp; Business administrations</b></li> <li><b>3. Hospitality &amp; Tourism</b></li> <li><b>4. Services in means of transportation</b></li> </ol>



please mark in bold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>5. Industry mechanics</b></li><li><b>6. Thermo-hydraulics</b></li><li><b>7. Construction</b></li><li><b>8. Textile &amp; Confections</b></li><li><b>9. Wood Processing</b></li><li><b>10. Electrical</b></li><li><b>11. Social and Health services</b></li><li><b>12. Real Estate Agent</b></li></ol>
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### **Aims and activities of the organisation**

Please provide a short presentation of your organisation (key activities, affiliations, size, etc.) relating to the area covered by the project, and of the expertise it will bring to the partnership.

The Vocational School of Elbasan is one of the largest public VET institutions in Albania, delivering education and training at **EQF Levels 2–4**, and **Level 5 (Real Estate Agent)**. The school serves approximately **1,400 students** and operates with a professional team of **123 teachers and trainers**, combining pedagogical expertise with strong sectoral know-how.

#### **Core Educational Directions (EQF 2–4)**

1. ICT – Information and Communication Technology
2. Business Economics & Business Administration
3. Hospitality & Tourism
4. Services in Means of Transportation
5. Industry Mechanics
6. Thermo-hydraulics
7. Construction
8. Textile & Confections
9. Wood Processing
10. Electrical
11. Social and Health Services

#### **EQF Level 5**

12. Real Estate Agent

The school operates under a **Dual VET system**, ensuring structured work-based learning in close cooperation with local and regional enterprises. This approach allows students to acquire practical skills aligned with labour market needs. Employment indicators confirm the effectiveness of this model:

- **67% employment rate already during the third year,**
- **78% employment rate after graduation.**



VSE promotes inclusion and gender balance, with **20–22% female participation** in traditionally male-dominated sectors such as ICT and Business Economics, as well as strong representation in Textile and Hospitality programmes.

**Aims of the Organisation**

- To provide high-quality, labour market-oriented vocational education aligned with European standards (EQF).
- To strengthen digital, green and entrepreneurial competences across all professional directions.
- To enhance employability through structured cooperation with industry and dual training models.
- To foster innovation, internationalisation, and participation in European initiatives.

**Expertise Brought to the Partnership**

The Vocational School of Elbasan contributes:

- Extensive experience in **dual education and work-based learning implementation**.
- Multisectoral expertise across ICT, engineering, construction, tourism, business and social services.
- Proven track record in **increasing employability outcomes**.
- Capacity to pilot curricula innovation, training modules and competence-based approaches.
- Strong institutional structure with qualified teaching staff and operational management capacity to implement EU-funded projects.

With its size, sectoral diversity, and strong connection to industry, the Vocational School of Elbasan acts as a strategic VET hub capable of piloting, testing and scaling innovative project results within Albania and across European partnerships.

**Operational capacity: Skills and expertise of key staff involved in the project**

Name and function	Role/tasks	Professional profile and expertise
Leonidha Haxhinikolla	Director Project Manager	Bachelor and MSc in Business Administration. Extensive leadership experience in VET management, institutional governance, budgeting and stakeholder



		engagement. Strong background in organisational development and public education management.
Juljan Kasapi	Vice Director Project Manager	Bachelor and Master Degree in ICT. Master of Science Degree in Marketing. Experienced Project Manager in EU-funded projects (Erasmus+, CB-VET). Expertise in digital transformation, curriculum innovation, stakeholder engagement and dissemination strategies.
Elona Kafexhiu	English Teacher	Bachelor and MSc in English Language. MSc in Communication Sciences.

Leonidha Haxhinikolla Director of the School	PSE	Leonidha Haxhinikolla is an experienced VET leader with a background in Business Administration (Bachelor and MSc). He brings strong expertise in institutional management, strategic planning, and financial oversight within public education. With solid experience in project supervision and stakeholder coordination, he ensures compliance, quality assurance, and effective governance. His leadership approach combines analytical capacity with structured decision-making and team development, contributing to sustainable institutional growth and performance-driven outcomes.
Juljan Kasapi Deputy Director of the School	PSE	<p>Juljan Kasapi is a results-oriented education leader and certified Project Manager with academic qualifications in ICT (Bachelor and Master) and Marketing (Master). He brings strong technical expertise in ICT and over five years of professional experience in the hospitality sector through Elite Travel Group, where he has contributed to digital innovation, operational systems, and training development.</p> <p>At the Vocational School of Elbasan, he has served for four years as <b>Business Relationship Coordinator</b>, strengthening cooperation with private sector partners and expanding work-based learning opportunities. In parallel, he acted for four years as <b>Institutional Marketing Coordinator</b>, leading visibility, stakeholder engagement, and institutional promotion strategies.</p> <p>He combines digital competence with strategic management skills, leading international cooperation and EU-funded project implementation, particularly within Erasmus+ initiatives. His experience in institutional digitalisation, industry partnerships, and curriculum modernisation enables him to effectively integrate</p>



		technology, management, and vocational education to deliver sustainable and measurable impact.
Elona Kafexhiu Teacher	PSE	Elona Kafexhiu is a communication and education expert with nearly two decades of professional experience. Holding a Master of Science in Communication Sciences, she has taught English since 2005 and has served as Deputy Director and Project Coordinator at the Shkolla Profesionale Elbasan. She also lectures in Business English at “Aleksandër Xhuvani” University and evaluates national English language exams. Her rich background includes key roles with Peace Corps Albania, RYCO, UNICEF, World Vision, and other international organizations. Elona specializes in soft skills, intercultural dialogue, and educational program coordination, recently leading the RYCO-funded Superschools Program focused on peacebuilding and reconciliation in the Western Balkans. Her experience spans teaching, public administration, translation, logistics, and conference presentations in the field of English language education.



#### 2.4 Operational capacity: Involvement in previous projects

Participant	Project Reference No and Title, Funding programme	Period (start and end date)	Role (COO, BEN, AE, OTHER)	Amount (EUR)	Website (if any)
Professional School of Elbasan	EmpowerVET – Empowering VET Institutions for Green & Digital Transition Erasmus+ CB-VET	2025 – 2027	BEN	61,958	<a href="https://empowervetproject.com/">https://empowervetproject.com/</a>
Professional School of Elbasan	Circular Tourism Erasmus+ CB-VET	2025 – 2028	BEN	37,778.42	<a href="https://circulartourismalbania.eu/">https://circulartourismalbania.eu/</a>
Professional School of Elbasan	DigiVET – Digital Transformation in Vocational Education and Training	2025 – 2028	BEN	27,388	



Professional School of Elbasan	CraftVET – Preserving Heritage through VET Innovation Erasmus+ CB-VET	2025 – 2027	BEN	65,073	
Professional School of Elbasan	B4CVET – Biochar & Circular Carbon Economy in VET Erasmus+ CB-VET	2025 – 2027	BEN	54,236	
Professional School of Elbasan	DigiGreenVET Erasmus+ CB-VET	2025 – 2027	BEN	56,528	
Professional School Elbasan	RCF Project, KFW	2022-2025	BEN	515200 EUR	N/A
Professional School Elbasan	Sunny Schools scaling up-first phase, Fondacioni Shoqeria e hapur per Shqiperine	28.03.2023-31.12.2025	BEN	65.000 USD	<a href="https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0fsPwDXE3f42EMutE1CGQBvRGgzMg6UF5r egm4U3HL4SHRcz8D3EnDrFcVfWnbkikl&amp;id=100050343205490&amp;mibextid=Nif5oz">https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0fsPwDXE3f42EMutE1CGQBvRGgzMg6UF5r egm4U3HL4SHRcz8D3EnDrFcVfWnbkikl&amp;id=100050343205490&amp;mibextid=Nif5oz</a>



Professional School Elbasan	WinForVet, Austrian Development Cooperation, RVA (Education and Employment)	September 2021-June 2024	BEN	40 EUR per student	N/A
Professional School Elbasan	Superschools Exchange Program BE/BMZ/RVCO	March 2021-May 2022	executor and beneficiary	7500 EUR	<a href="https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0fr5vd6AkWvbCQVdhi3pJ9MGUMW458dZ1444GNfroPsqpK7WGZGpWyn8WfX1inEmyl&amp;id=100050343205490&amp;mibextid=Nif5oz">https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0fr5vd6AkWvbCQVdhi3pJ9MGUMW458dZ1444GNfroPsqpK7WGZGpWyn8WfX1inEmyl&amp;id=100050343205490&amp;mibextid=Nif5oz</a>
Professional School Elbasan	Superschools Exchange program-Long-term partnership	September 2023-October 2023	executor and beneficiary	5000 EUR	<a href="https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02JMZTpcizfwbkgMgzPtEiGBettoBCBQW2uRw2JKAETHo86GRAJhRezj5f8FXNKsMLI&amp;id=686983314820595&amp;mibextid=Nif5oz">https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02JMZTpcizfwbkgMgzPtEiGBettoBCBQW2uRw2JKAETHo86GRAJhRezj5f8FXNKsMLI&amp;id=686983314820595&amp;mibextid=Nif5oz</a> <a href="https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02TNnYqbfEVRtcmYwnJ9gKrc9hTXwYlJ1d3">https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02TNnYqbfEVRtcmYwnJ9gKrc9hTXwYlJ1d3</a>



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Professional School Elbasan	Infrastructure investments, staff training, professional exchange activities/programs, teaching materials, improvement of curricula, school promotion.  S4J, SDC, Swisscontact	2018-Present	BEN	9600000 CHF	N/A
Professional School Elbasan	Student Mobility Project (Internship), INTERVET WB, Albanian Skills	2021-2023	BEN		N/A



Elona Kafexhiu	Job Shadowing, INTERVET WB, Albanian Skills	October 2022	BEN	<a href="https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0zoHdiU4MMCu2vZnGV1zQLhijAG6YUihaeCFyKHyo78Amto95VdXhbXpwGNsWkxUjl&amp;id=1393217880&amp;mibextid=Nif5oz">https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0zoHdiU4MMCu2vZnGV1zQLhijAG6YUihaeCFyKHyo78Amto95VdXhbXpwGNsWkxUjl&amp;id=1393217880&amp;mibextid=Nif5oz</a>
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Professional School Elbasan	Critical Thinking and Literacy, UNICEF, ICTSlab	November 2022	BEN	<a href="https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0Ukx3tLf3yoWyWaCeshe5Hb61mbXowycPQjHzrcczu3E7xsTGPZFITiEj1sf9G">https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0Ukx3tLf3yoWyWaCeshe5Hb61mbXowycPQjHzrcczu3E7xsTGPZFITiEj1sf9G</a>



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Professional School Elbasan	Fit for greenc, ProSEED GFA, Partner per Femije	November 2022	BEN		<a href="https://www.facebook.com/117913825055935/posts/pfbid0jLfx tZgfSDnshsXSE9GEbti6ocPvk6Sx ZJGAMDF7pbbnkkMGUkkqZmiZ 7FqwWP6UJ/?mibextid=Nif5oz">https://www.facebook.com/117913825055935/posts/pfbid0jLfx tZgfSDnshsXSE9GEbti6ocPvk6Sx ZJGAMDF7pbbnkkMGUkkqZmiZ 7FqwWP6UJ/?mibextid=Nif5oz</a>
Professional School Elbasan	Green economy and sustainable development of	September 2023	BEN		N/A



	schools, Open Society Foundation for Albania, LRER				
Professional School Elbasan	Design your own home- City of Vienna, OeAD	November 2022	BEN	300 EUR	N/A
Professional School Elbasan	Start Small Aim Big, City of Vienna, OeAD	November 2022	BEN	300 EUR	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/1674117869506056/posts/pfbid0HJQW5sTM1h94EUyukBQFjK4aZbeQQTPsjz49aRqq4vtoXyNHG6MULv61pVAGUCBzl/?mibextid=Nif5oz">https://www.facebook.com/1674117869506056/posts/pfbid0HJQW5sTM1h94EUyukBQFjK4aZbeQQTPsjz49aRqq4vtoXyNHG6MULv61pVAGUCBzl/?mibextid=Nif5oz</a>
Professional School Elbasan	Girls Inspire, City of Vienna, OeAD	April 2023	BEN	300 EUR	<a href="https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02bYsFbNxtYfRcYsu6sJ5ydXjanXD5hWpKXvzLHUcJeP6oxFspczhqzX8FRy2hNNJAI&amp;id=1674117869506056&amp;mibextid=Nif5oz">https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02bYsFbNxtYfRcYsu6sJ5ydXjanXD5hWpKXvzLHUcJeP6oxFspczhqzX8FRy2hNNJAI&amp;id=1674117869506056&amp;mibextid=Nif5oz</a>