



Enhancing Youth
Employment

KOSOVO

Supporting the establishment of a Training
Center for Solar Technicians

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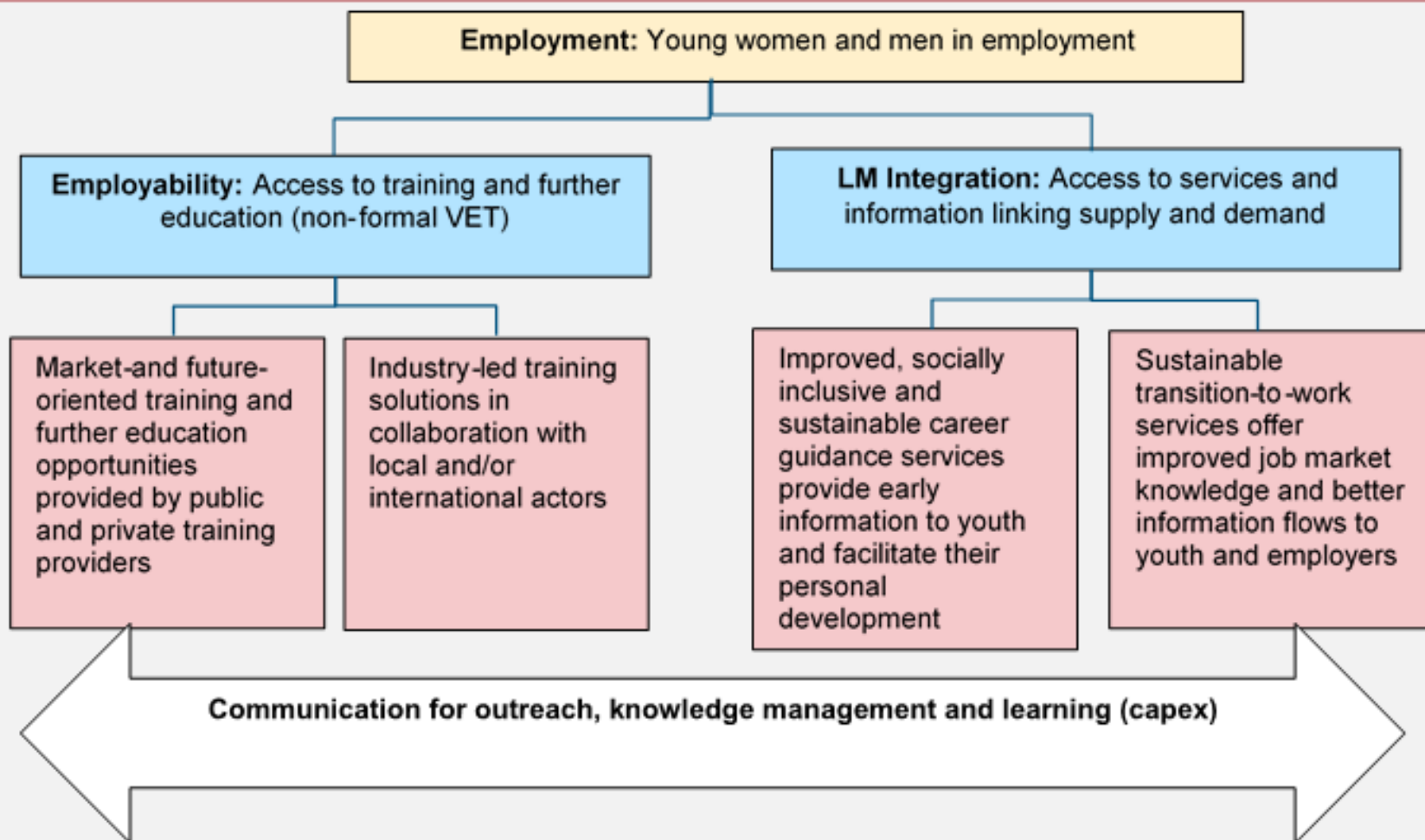
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EYE OVERVIEW

- Project duration: 2012 – 2024
- Phase 3 – Exit phase
- Budget for Phase III: CHF 4,9 Million
- 11 Project Staff
- Founded by SDC-Swiss Development Cooperation
- Consortium of Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation and MDA



Project framework



Project results

17,000 youth enrolled in training

30 training providers supported

97 new training packages developed

197 companies benefited from new trainings

36 companies contributed to vocational skills development

22 occupational standards developed

100 companies involved for the development of occupational standards



MARKET ASSESSMENT

- Understand market needs
- Identify the market opportunities
- Efficiently allocate resources based on identified priorities
- Stakeholder engagement
- Assess market potential
- Define entry point
- Risk mitigation to address potential challenges

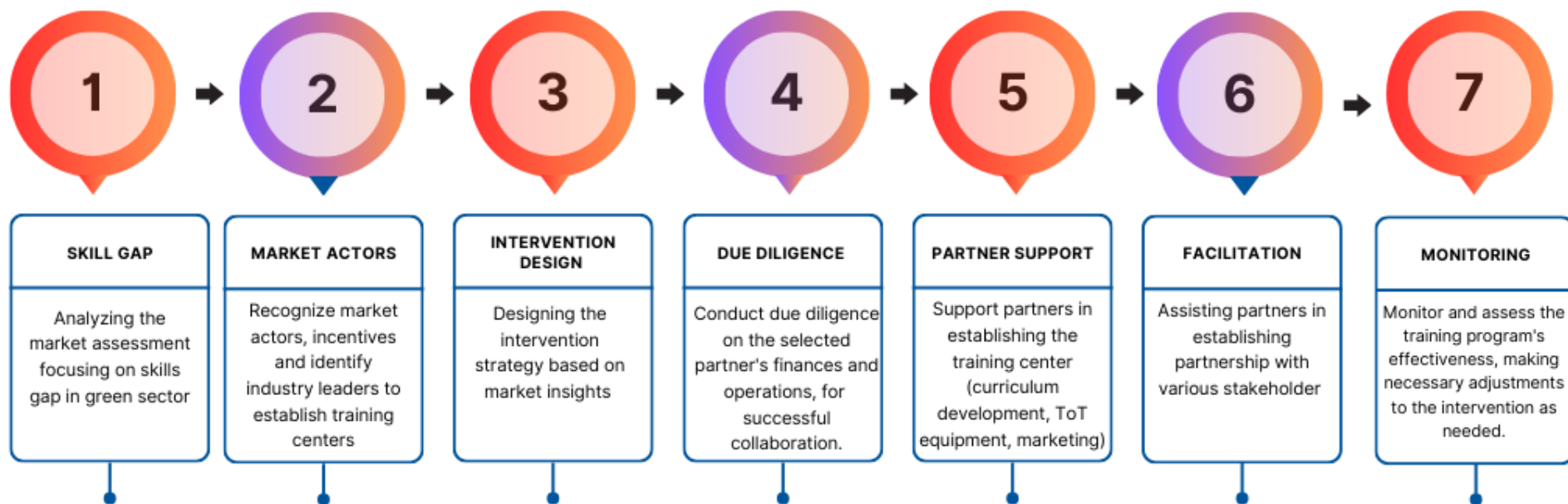


FINDINGS FROM THE MARKET ASSESSMENT - GREEN SECTOR

- The solar energy sector is experiencing rapid growth.
- Anticipated investments in solar energy were expected to reach 200 MV or approximately 200 Mil euro by 2023.
- There is a demand for 300 energy engineers and up to 1,000 solar panel technicians.
- Only limited number of VET Schools have updated their curriculum to include green profiles.
- No training provider in Kosovo specializing in solar energy.
- No occupational standard developed for solar technician.
- The Energy Strategy of Kosovo 2022-2031 places strong emphasis on renewable energy.



Steps from market assessment to training



SELECTING THE PARTNER/BUSINESS CASE

- Eling, a leading company in the energy sector, established in 2006 as an input supplier for electrical and solar installations.
- Investments in biggest solar park.
- Electrical installation technicians more suitable to be trained as solar technicians.
- Operating a Training Center for Solar Technician is a key initiative for expansion.
- Partnership includes collaboration with Solar Academy DGS-Germany, EARK-Vocational Training Center and VET School.



Systemic approach

- The training center aims to serve the entire green industry.
- Implementation of a sustainable business model is a priority.
- Engaging with a wider range of stakeholders is a key aspect of their strategy.
- Crowding-in effect from other sectors.
- Establishing strategic partnerships is fundamental.



Perspective of Renewable Energy Cluster representative

- Is this initiative scalable?
- The role of MIRECK-Metal Industry and Renewable Energy Cluster in Kosovo.
- Collaboration with other donors- GLZ project.



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