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Continuing Vocational Training Survey, 2020 CVTS

Continuing Vocational Training Survey – CVTS was conducted in the Republic of Serbia for the first time in 2021.

According to the gained results, **almost a half of the enterprises in the Republic of Serbia** (49.2%) conducts some form of continuing vocational training of its employees, while 40.8% of enterprises participates in CVTS courses.

Observed by the sex of participants in trainings in all companies that conduct courses, women are more represented (40%) than men (35%). Women are also at the forefront when viewed according to individual groups of activities and size of the enterprise.

The average cost of CVTS courses in companies conducting trainings is EUR 45 per employee. The total share of costs for the organization of seminars in relation to total labour costs was 19%.

| | Tatal | | (| Groups of activi | ties | |
|--|-------|------------|------|------------------|------|---------------|
| | Total | B, C, D, E | F | G, H, I | J, K | L, M, N, R, S |
| Total number of enterprises | 15233 | 4457 | 1485 | 5498 | 1287 | 2506 |
| Enterprises that have conducted some kind of training | 7494 | 2194 | 788 | 2265 | 836 | 1411 |
| Share of enterprises that implement some form of CVTS in total number of enterprises | 49.2 | 49.2 | 53.1 | 41.2 | 65.0 | 56.5 |
| Share of enterprises participating in courses in total number of enterprises | 40.8 | 40.5 | 42.7 | 32.0 | 58.9 | 50.5 |
| Share of enterprises conducting other forms of training in total number of enterprises | 42.4 | 42.5 | 44.1 | 35.1 | 55.6 | 50.4 |

1. Enterprises that conduct continuous vocational training, by groups of activities¹⁾

¹⁾ Based on the methodology used in the Survey, the following activity sections are included: B – Mining and quarrying; C - Manufacturing; D - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply; E - Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities; F - Construction; G - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; H - Transportation and storage; I - Accommodation and food service activities; J - Information and communications; K - Financial and insurance activities; L - Real estate activities; M - Professional, scientific and technical activities; N - Administrative and support service activities; R - Arts, entertainment and recreation; S - Other service activities The share of enterprises **that participated in trainings** in sections (B, C, D, E) was 49.2%, in section (F) 53.1%, the section of activity (G, H, I) participates with 41.2%, sections (J, K) with 65%, while sections (L, M, N, R) participate with 56.5% of enterprises.

| | T . 4 . 1 | Size of the enterprise | | |
|--|------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Total | 10-49 employees | 50-249 employees | 250+ employees |
| Total number of enterprises | 15233 | 11854 | 2744 | 635 |
| Enterprises that have conducted some kind of training | 7494 | 5141 | 1814 | 539 |
| Share of enterprises that implement some form of CVTS in total number of enterprises | 49.2 | 43.3 | 66.1 | 56.4 |
| Share of enterprises participating in courses in total number of enterprises | 40.8 | 34.6 | 59.4 | 78.0 |
| Share of enterprises conducting other forms of training in total number of enterprises | 42.4 | 37.1 | 56.5 | 78.8 |

The share of enterprises that conducted some type of training for their employees is the lowest among small enterprises (43.4%), and the highest among medium-sized ones, amounting at 66.1%. The share of enterprises in courses is about 41% of the total number of enterprises.



Share of enterprises that implement some form of CVTS in total number of enterprises, %

3. Share of CVTS participants in total number of employees in enterprises, by groups of activities

| | Total | | | Groups of activ | ities | |
|--|---------|------------|-------|-----------------|--------|---------------|
| | Total | B, C, D, E | F | G, H, I | J, K | L, M, N, R, S |
| Employees, total | 1072861 | 453024 | 72914 | 284283 | 105520 | 157120 |
| Employees who attended CVTS courses | 266552 | 112339 | 10058 | 56145 | 44157 | 43853 |
| Share of employees who attended CVTS courses in total number of employees in all enterprises | 24.8 | 24.8 | 13.8 | 19.8 | 41.9 | 27.9 |
| Share of employees who attended CVTS courses in total number of employees in enterprises that conduct CVTS courses - total | 36.4 | 34.0 | 25.2 | 34.9 | 47.9 | 39.8 |
| Share of employees who attended CVTS courses in total number of employees in enterprises that conduct CVTS courses - males | 34.5 | 34.0 | 24.5 | 31.1 | 46.4 | 37.5 |
| Share of employees who attended CVTS courses in total number of employees in enterprises that conduct CVTS courses - females | 39.1 | 34.1 | 29.1 | 39.5 | 49.4 | 42.9 |

The total number of employees in all enterprises was 1 072861. The number of employees in enterprises that organized some kind of courses / seminars was 799154, which represents 68.4% of the total number of employees. CVTS courses were attended by 266 552 employees, being 24.8% of total number of employees in all enterprises.

In total number of employed persons, women have a share of about 40%, and men are represented with about 60%, while about 40% of women and about 35% of men participated in trainings in enterprises that conduct CVTS.

4. Share of CVTS participants in total number of employees in enterprises, by size of the enterprise

| | Total | | Size of the enterprise | |
|--|---------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| | Iotai | 10-49 employees | 50-249 employees | 250+ employees |
| Employees, total | 1072861 | 253939 | 282911 | 536011 |
| Employees who attended CVTS courses | 266552 | 41525 | 60986 | 164041 |
| Share of employees who attended CVTS courses in total number of employees in all enterprises | 24.8 | 16.4 | 21.6 | 30.6 |
| Share of employees who attended CVTS courses in total number of employees in enterprises that conduct CVTS courses - total | 36.4 | 43.6 | 34.3 | 35.7 |
| Share of employees who attended CVTS courses in total number of employees in enterprises that conduct CVTS courses - males | 34.5 | 41.4 | 32.0 | 33.9 |
| Share of employees who attended CVTS courses in total number of employees in enterprises that conduct CVTS courses – females | 39.1 | 47.8 | 38.6 | 37.9 |

The share of total employees in large enterprises is about 50% of total number of employees in all enterprises. Medium-sized enterprises participate with 26.4%, and small enterprises with 23.6% of employees in total number of employees in all enterprises.

The largest share of employees, in enterprises that organized some type of training, have large companies, 90%, medium-sized ones - 69%, while small enterprises have the smallest share of 46% of employees.

The largest share of employees in CVTS training belongs to large enterprises - 30.6%, and the smallest share to small enterprises - 16.4%, observed in relation to the total number of employees in all enterprises.

Observing the number of employees who attended trainings in relation to total number of employees in enterprises that organized CVTS trainings, the largest share is in small companies, 43.6%, and the smallest share is in medium – sized enterprises, 34.3% of employees.

| By groups of activities | Number of hours | By size of enterprise | Number of hours |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Total | 5.1 | Total | 5.1 |
| B, C, D, E | 6.3 | 10-49 | 0.5 |
| F | 1.7 | employees | 3.5 |
| G, H, I | 2.7 | 50-249 | 2.0 |
| J, K | 8.9 | employees | 3.8 |
| L, M, N, R, S | 5.1 | 250+ employees | 6.6 |

5. Number of hours spent on CVTS courses per employee in all enterprises

Total share of hours spent on CVTS courses in relation to total number of hours per employee in enterprises is 15%. The largest share in the number of hours spent on courses have companies from the sections (J, K), with 31%, followed by activities (B, C, D, E), with 29%. The lowest share of hours spent on courses is recorded in enterprises that fall into the activity (F), 3% and (G, H, I), 6%.



Share of hours spent on courses, %

6. Enterprises' costs for CVTS, by groups of activities

| | T . 4 . 1 | | | Groups of activ | ities | |
|---|------------------|------------|------|-----------------|-------|---------------|
| | Total | B, C, D, E | F | G, H, I | J, K | L, M, N, R, S |
| Share of costs for CVTS courses in total operating costs of the enterprise | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.40 |
| Direct costs of CVTS courses per employee in enterprises that conduct CVTS (in EUR) | 45.1 | 27.9 | 30.7 | 47.9 | 78.9 | 69.2 |
| Share of the labour costs of participants in CVTS courses in total labour costs of the enterprise | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Labour costs of participants in CVTS courses per employee in enterprises conducting CVTS (in EUR) | 69.0 | 78.5 | 22.6 | 39.6 | 111.4 | 64.2 |

The largest investments in CVTS courses were in the sections of Information and communications and Financial and insurance activities (J, K). Direct costs amounted to about EUR 70 per employee, while labour costs amounted to over EUR 110 per employee who participated in CVTS.

7. Enterprise's costs for CVTS, by size of the enterprise

| | Tabal | | Size of the enterprise | |
|---|-------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| | Total | 10-49 employees | 50-249 employees | 250+ employees |
| Share of costs for CVTS courses in the total costs of the enterprise | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Direct costs of CVTS courses per employee in enterprises conducting CVTS (in EUR) | 45.1 | 85.8 | 54.5 | 33.0 |
| Share of labour costs of participants in CVTS courses in the total labour costs of the enterprise | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Labour costs of participants in CVTS courses per employee in companies conducting CVTS (in EUR) | 69.0 | 105.6 | 62.5 | 63.9 |

Most of the funds per employee in CVTS was invested by small companies, and the direct costs amounted to about EUR 86 per employee, while labour costs amounted to over EUR 105 per employee who participated in CVTS.

8. Share of enterprises that evaluate the results of the conducted CVTS in total number of enterprises that conduct training and education

| By groups of activities | Results (enterprises conducting CVTS) | By size of the enterprise | Results (enterprises conducting CVTS) |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Total | 39.6 | Total | 39.6 |
| B, C, D, E | 41.4 | 10-49 | 35.0 |
| F | 22.8 | employees | 35.0 |
| G, H, I | 35.9 | 50-249 | 45.4 |
| J, K | 49.8 | employees | 45.4 |
| L, M, N, R, S | 46.1 | 250+ employees | 63.4 |

9. Share of the enterprises that do not conduct CVTS in total number of enterprises

| By groups of activities | Enterprises that do not conduct CVTS | By size of the enterprise | Enterprises that do not conduct CVTS |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total | 50.8 | Total | 50.8 |
| B, C, D, E | 50.8 | 10-49 | 56.6 |
| F | 46.9 | employees | 50.0 |
| G, H, I | 58.8 | 50-249 | 33.9 |
| J, K | 35.0 | employees | 33.9 |
| L, M, N, R, S | 43.5 | 250+ employees | 15.0 |

10. Share of the enterprises that conducted courses and / or other forms of CVTS in the previous year (2019), in total number of enterprises

| By groups of activities | Conducted CVTS in 2019 | By size of the enterprise | Conducted CVTS on 2019 |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Total | 42.6 | Total | 42.6 |
| B, C, D, E | 40.6 | 10-49 | 37.0 |
| F | 41.0 | employees | 37.0 |
| G, H, I | 34.7 | 50-249 | 58.6 |
| J, K | 62.0 | employees | 56.0 |
| L, M, N, R, S | 54.3 | 250+ employees | 78.4 |

11. Share of the enterprises participating in dual education program¹⁾ in total number of enterprises

| By groups of activities | Participating in dual education program | By size of the enterprise | Participating in dual education program |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| Total | 11.3 | Total | 11.3 |
| B, C, D, E | 14.5 | 10-49 | 9.6 |
| F | 10.9 | employees | 9.0 |
| G, H, I | 8.8 | 50-249 | 15.7 |
| J, K | 13.5 | employees | 15.7 |
| L, M, N, R, S | 10.4 | 250+ employees | 24.8 |

²⁾ Dual education is a model of secondary vocational education in which knowledge is acquired both in school and in the company/ enterprise. By learning through work, students acquire practical and applicable knowledge in a real work environment.

Most of the enterprises that participated in the survey on continuing professional development did not organize dual education. The total share of all enterprises that organized dual education is 11%.



Enterprises providing dual education (all enterprises), %

Methodological explanations/ notes

Continuing Vocational Training Survey (CVTS) is a survey that collects information on enterprises' investments in continuous professional training of their employees. CVTS refers to measures or activities of education and training that are fully or at least partially financed by the enterprise (directly or indirectly) and provides comparable data on vocational training in enterprises with at least 10 or more employees, belonging to a certain group of economic activities.

CVTS courses are usually separated from the active workplace (learning takes place in locations specifically designed for learning, such as a classroom or training centre). They show a high degree of organization (time, space and content) by the lecturer or training institution. The content is created for a group of students (e.g. there is a curriculum). Two different types of CVTS courses have been identified: internal (managed only by the enterprise) and external courses (managed by out-of the enterprise organizations).

Other forms of CVTS are, as a rule, related to active work and active workplace, but can also include participation in conferences, fairs, etc., the purpose of which is learning.

Different sub-contingents of enterprise are observed: total number of enterprises according to different modalities, enterprises that organize CVTS and enterprises that participate in certain trainings, which are not organized in the enterprise itself.

The Survey includes the following modules:

- providing courses and other forms of CVTS (enterprises that conduct / do not conduct training);
- professional development and training strategies;
- participants and costs of CVTS courses;
- time spent on CVTS courses;
- course characteristics;
- assessment of CVTS activities.

Conducting the Survey is of special importance, bearing in mind that it is based on standardized methodology for all member states of the European Union and that it provides internationally comparable data.

It is conducted in a five-year periodicity, the observation period is January 1st - December 31st, 2020.

The Survey was conducted on the basis of Article 26 of the Law on Official Statistics (listed in the Plan of Official Statistics for 2021) and the European Commission Regulation No. 1153/2014 of October 29th 2014 on data to be collected, sampled and precision and quality requirements.

The Survey was conducted in the period March-May 2021 on the territory of the Republic of Serbia without Kosovo and Metohija, on the planned sample of 6 749 enterprises. The realized sample is 4 697 enterprises with a response rate of 70.4%.

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