

The role of the EU programs on entrepreneurship promotion

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The main financial sources for enterprises

Traditional sources of financing in Kosovo:

- Banking Loans
- Micro Finance Institutions
- Retained profits

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Actual trends and opportunities

- EU programmes
 - Erasmus +
 - Horizon 2020 (industrial leadership around (17 Billion Euro)
 - Cosme
 - Other opportunities

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Kosovo ?

- Mainly **Necessity Entrepreneurs**

The main challenges for participation:

- The information level
- The educational level
- Industry – University relationship
- Challenges on project preparation

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Kosovo and EU Programmes ?

Participation of local enterprises on EU programs ensures:

- Financing
- Partnership
- Experience of EU market
- Corporative governance

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Kosovo & Progress Report on Education

From institutional point of view:
Progress Report for Science, Research & Education of EU
concluded that:

- Kosovo has limited capability on research and innovation
- The budget for research remains insufficient, below 0.2% of GDP
- Law on scientific research activities is not implemented???
- Weak administrative capacity on research and innovation
- Challenges between labor market and University programs

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Recommendations

Learning by Doing Approach

At Micro level

- **Enterprises should create a partnership with Universities – respectively Industry - University coalition**

At Macro level

- The government and other relevant institutions should support continuously the HEI
- **The Kosovo Government should discuss cost- benefits of participation on EU programmes, with academics and other stakeholders?**