Pledges in candidate countries

6 pledges so far

- **Turkey**: Turkish Confederation of Employer Associations (2015); Teknopark Erciyes (2017); Ankara Chamber of Industry (2018)

- **Albania**: FRENSIONA SH.P.K. - KOLONA Vlore (2017); Gjeo-Vjosa (2017)

- **FYROM**: EVN Macedonia (2017)
Around 15 new pledges in the pipeline:

- 3 from candidate countries: HAK-IS Trade Union Confederation (Turkey); Hidromek (Turkey); Teachers Union of Serbia (Serbia)

- To be presented at the EAfA event at the European Vocational Skills Week in Vienna, 8 November
Pledge to join the European Alliance for Apprenticeships

- Commits to disseminate and strengthen the Dual VET model, including the activities developed by the "Spanish Alliance for Dual Vocational Training" (a national network of companies, VET centres, and institutions committed to developing Dual VET in Spain);

- Boost quality Dual VET by disseminating and promoting the quality criteria set by the Spanish Alliance for Dual VET for companies and educational centres; boost dual VET in society by carrying out actions to promote and increase its prestige and visibility in Spain;

- Continue active engagement on apprenticeships at EU level (within trade unions & institutional).

Mr Juan Carlos Morales, Research Officer
24 September 2018, Tirana
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- Work with local, regional and international business/organizations to help develop and promote sustainable apprenticeships systems with high quality training and career pathways.

- Increase the provision of high quality apprenticeships in Albania, to equip young people with valuable skills and work experience; sets a target of approximately 50 apprentices in the Lezha region and North Albania for 2019.

- Build the 'Union of Businesses' in the county of Lezha, to promote apprenticeship schemes and create a different typology of tourism (e.g. maritime, hiking, slow food agri-tourism).

- Draw on best practice examples from VET learning systems abroad to benchmark and develop a scale-up strategy that can be tailored to each of the regions in Albania.

Mr Alfred Marku, Head Chef - 24 September 2018, Tirana
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- Aims to at least double the number of students and schools in the apprenticeship programs, and promote mobility amongst students in the next years.

- Collaborate for the next three years with stakeholders from public and private institutions, and with other companies of the same industry, in order to empower, prepare and facilitate the entry of students into the labour market.

- Establish a network with other VET schools and institutions to promote the benefits of VET, and develop the school curricula in order to make a contribution to the educative process.

- Intends to be a dedicated member of the Alliance, willing to make every effort to strengthen apprenticeships programs and collaboration with other potential Albanian and foreign partners.

Mr Julian Demeti, CEO - 24 September 2018, Tirana