



# **SOUTH AFRICA - Jobs for the future**

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# TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL

Harness private sector actors' contributions: Training and apprenticeship programs

Foster entrepreneurial skills, including in the digital and green economy areas with a focus on women and youth Bridging the gap between the supply side (education and training for employment) and the demand side (private sector development in formal and non-formal labour markets) Building on existing solid and proven mutual interests

## MODALITIES/TOOLS

### European companies' skills, training and apprenticeship programs:

Skills transfers programs, training and apprenticeships programs, Employment Initiative. European companies, EU, EU Member States

### Twinning and exchanges (including bursaries for studies in Europe):

Bursaries,TAIEX, Twinning(s), joint alliance between African and European VET systems to share best practices, ERASMUS+, partnerships (Young Enterprise Initiative program), Exchanges. EC, Finland, Ireland, Sweden, France

### Job creation for TVET graduates:

Technical assistance, blending, guarantees, support to incubators, support to reforms, loans EC, EU Member States, Switzerland, Finland, EIB

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### **Policy reforms:**

Potential Sector Budget Support on curriculum development, digital learning tools, teacher training programs for skills and TVET, blending EU grants with EDFI loans for TVET infrastructures, student loans, technical assistance, training on entrepreneurial skills, skills mapping (research) EU, EU Member States,

Denmark, Finland, Netherlands private sector, Ireland, France, Lithuania, Switzerland (SECO)

## **KEY DELIVERABLES**

### Youth

Promotion of academic and youth exchange (eg promote ERASMUS in previously disadvantaged universities and TVET colleges)

### **TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL**

- Social cohesion
- Promote a stable, democratic, and resilient SA that can function as a regional, continental and global ally. (focus on a new generation of South Africans and entrepreneurial skills, especially in the digital and green economy areas)
- Expand trade and investment in the country
- Promotion of policy priorities and values in terms of e.g. corporate social responsibility, mainstreaming decent work standards, social and labour rights, environmental and climate change, digitalisation, support to minorities, including migrants, and people with disabilities, together with EU standards and norms

\*This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress





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## NATIONAL CONTEXT

### COVID-19 crisis impacted:

- Young people (especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds)
- Women & girls

Around 2,000 European companies are active in South Africa

### **GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs**



SA is one of the 10 Strategic Partners of the EU and the only one on the African continent

Africa-Europe Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs

SDGs - leaving no one behind (women and the youth)

\*\*SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)