

Grant procedure "New Skills"

Grant amount: up to BGN 5,8 mln., which can be up to 70% of the eligible project costs.

Who can apply: Enterprises of all categories.

Eligible project activities:

- Provision of training for acquisition or improvement of vocational qualification (but not higher than third qualification degree) of the employees, in accordance with the individual characteristics of the person and the specifics of the workplace.
- Specific trainings related to the workplace, e.g. for acquisition of specific digital skills, training of the management personnel for upgrading business skills, aimed incl. to circular economy and green transition, introduction of low-carbon, resource-efficient and waste-free processes and technologies, etc.
- Training for acquisition of "soft" skills (e. g. foreign languages, precise sciences, personal and social competence, social and entrepreneurial skills).
- Employment of persons trained under the project after successful completion of their participation in training - The applicant commits to maintaining employment for a period of 6 months for at least 50% of the representatives of the target group who have successfully completed their participation in the conducted trainings.



Eligible target groups: persons who are employed in the enterprise on a labor contract for a minimum of 4 hours daily at the time of submission of the application.

Eligible costs:

- Costs for conducting training for acquiring or increasing vocational qualification or for acquiring a vocational qualification as a part of a profession - not more than BGN 1,980 per trainee.
- Costs for specific trainings not more than BGN 2,500 (grant) per trainee.
- Costs for trainings for acquisition of "soft" skills not more than BGN 900 per trainee.

Limitations:

- It is not admissible project activities to be carried out simultaneously on the territory of the two types of regions a region in transition and an undeveloped region.
- A person can be enrolled in only one vocational training and in only one training for acquisition of soft skills.
- Branches of legal entities registered in the Republic of Bulgaria cannot participate in the procedure due to the lack of independent legal personality.
- Vocational training is carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Vocational Education and Training Act. It can only be conducted by licensed vocational training organizations.
- The implementation of the project should be completed by the end of 2026.

Duration of project implementation: 18 months

Application deadline: 5 March 2025





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