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**Enhancing employability of students and workers**

Despite a relatively high level of unemployment, there are still vacancies in the metal and electro industry sector across Europe. Due to the rapid development of technology and knowledge, companies are finding it increasingly difficult to find competent workforce that could meet the requirements of their production processes, as out-of-date educational systems and the lack of flexibility are in large part responsible for the widening skill gaps. Workers, on the other hand, are facing the challenge of keeping up with the ever-changing requirements of the industry and the need to constantly educate themselves in order to **remain employable, competitive and productive**. To respond to those needs, partners from Croatia, Latvia, Slovakia and Slovenia joint forces in a three-year long skillME project in order to improve employability of future workers, raise the employability rate and improve the overall competitiveness of the European metal and electro companies. The skillME project will **identify the most endemic skill gaps in the metal and electro industries** and **develop four curricula to fill those gaps**, which will be implemented into national VET systems.