

## Education in ECVET time – CHEMLAB project

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“Implementing the EU ChemLab Project in Georgia” addresses the demand for skilled laboratory technicians, trained specifically on the job, in the chemical, food and wine industry in Georgia. Similar to EU CHEMLAB II\*, a Leonardo da Vinci (LdV) partnership project sponsored by the European Commission, CHEMLAB-GEO seeks to meet this demand with dual Vocational Education Training (VET). The target groups are the industry seeking a skilled work force and apprentices who want to receive training in this particular sector. The project is supported and advised by the Private Sector Development Program South Caucasus of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

The collaboration between Tbilisi State University and Georgian enterprises to build and train company employees within work-based learning programs (WBL) is another example of the WBL potential in middle-income countries. The university offers theoretical and practical training that will be complimented by real workplace learning in two partner companies. Thus, it is good example of sharing resources and competences, which may serve as a solution for small and medium sized companies unable to offer a full range of training courses to their employees. Intensive trainings have been realized within the certificate course from December 2012 until today; in addition the ECVET\* modules, GMO Analysis and Environmental Analysis, have been developed and tested within the project that give other additional qualification possibilities to young apprentices.

\*ECVET - the European Credit system for Vocational Education and Training  
[http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/ecvet\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/ecvet_en.htm)