

Bulgaria

Skills development, labour and skills shortages

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BASIC SKILLS

Many people do not have sufficient basic skills, such as literacy, numeracy and digital skills

Average student underachievement rate
15 year-olds; reading, maths, and science

52%



27%



Source: OECD PISA

% of adults with at least basic digital skills
16-74 year-olds

36%



56%

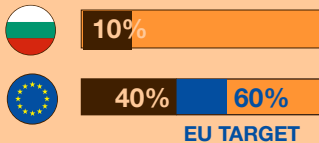


Source: Eurostat Basic digital skills

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Not enough people are gaining the skills they need for the jobs of today and tomorrow

Participation rate
in adult learning



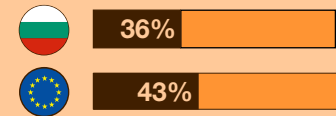
Source: Eurostat Adult education survey

Employment rate of vocational
education and training graduates



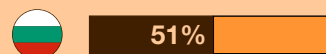
Source: Eurostat Labour force survey

Share of young people
with higher education



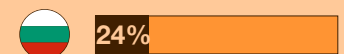
Source: Eurostat Labour force survey

Share of students enrolled in STEM*
fields in initial medium-level VET



Source: UOE data collection

Share of students enrolled in STEM
fields at tertiary level



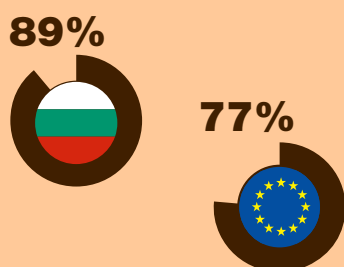
(*) science, technology, engineering and mathematics

 **1.6 BILLION** EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND+ AND RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FACILITY*
2021-27 estimated investment in skills (*) ex ante cost estimates

LABOUR & SKILLS SHORTAGES

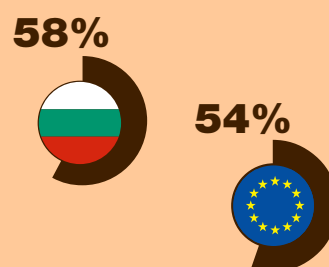
Businesses are struggling to find workers with the right skills to grow and innovate

Companies reporting
shortages of skilled workers
as an investment barrier



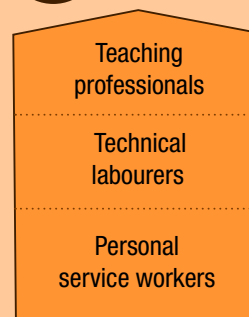
Source: EIB Investment Survey

SMEs reporting difficulties
to find employees with the
right skills



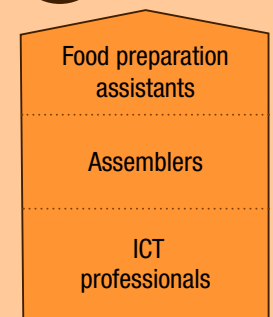
Source: Eurobarometer SMEs and skills shortages

Top-3 In-demand
occupations



Source: Cedefop skillsOVATE/ELA-EURES

Top-3 Growing
occupations



Source: Cedefop skills forecast