



HUMAN MOBILITY, SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES - SERBIA CASE STUDY

In **Serbia**, young people are **MOVING** to **bigger cities** or other countries in search of **education and employment**



Job opportunities at home communities **ARE LIMITED** and school curriculums do not necessarily provide youth with the **skills that local employers need**

Small and medium sized cities and towns in Southern Serbia like **Ivanjica, Knjazevac** and **Prokuplje** face a demographic challenge:



Ivanjica estimates that **5,000** people left in last 10 years

In **Knjaževac**, **15%** of the local population has moved away

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Local technical schools develop and roll out **new courses** that respond to the local labor market needs



Designed to help **YOUNG PEOPLE** launch their careers with skills that local businesses really need, like leather tailoring or machine operations

Local self-governments partner with local technical schools to directly support unemployed 16-30 years olds to find jobs through vocational **TRAINING, INTERNSHIPS** and **JOB PLACEMENT**



Over **500** young people have taken these courses



52% of the trained youth were young women



90 of them are now employed

By providing opportunities to young people where they live, cities and towns can benefit from the

- » **New ideas**
- » **Creativity**
- » **Vitality**
- » **Skills**



of the younger generation, ultimately fostering local prosperity and **socio-economic development** for sustainable cities