

#### O sistema suíço de educação 🞫 Secundária e Vocacional



#### SFIVET

SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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- Contextualization and role of SFIVET
- The dual VET-system in Switzerland
  - Overview
  - Public-private partnership
  - Involvement of companies

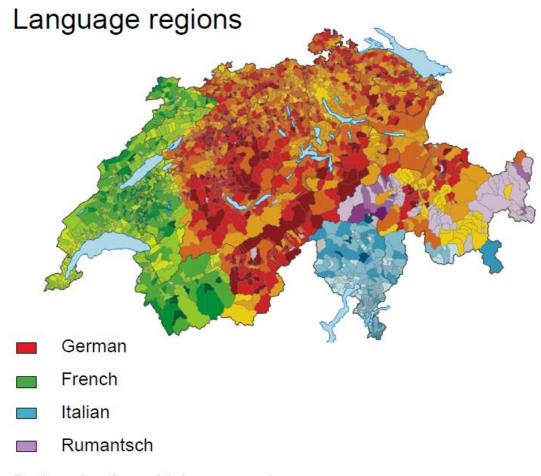


#### **Swiss context**

Population: 8 millions

#### Four national languages:

- German 64%
- French 20%
- Italian 6%
- Rumantsch 0.5%
- Non-official languages 9%



Darker shading = higher percentage









# Economic performance and VET - system strongly linked

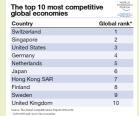


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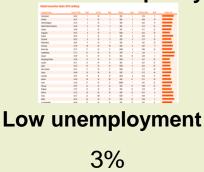
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## **Economic** performance

#### Competitiveness



#### **Innovation Capacity**





- 2/3 of young people chose the path of VET
- Public-private partnership
- Strong involvement of companies

## Contribution of SFIVET

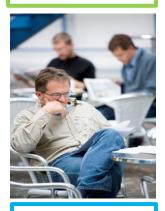
- The governmental expert organization for VET
- Supports the further development of VETsystem
- Teacher training, curriculum development based on competencies, research



#### **Swiss Federal Institute for VET - SFIVET**



Basic Training



Continuing Training

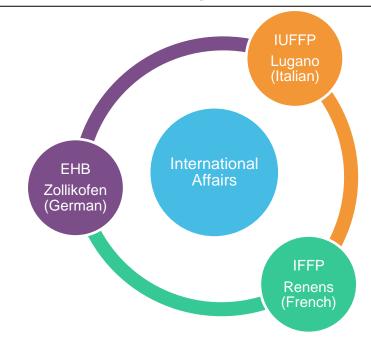


Development of Occupations



Research

- The Swiss expert organization for VET
- Part of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER)
- Mandate from Swiss Confederation (Art. 48)
- 4 areas of focus, 250 employees
- National institute, regional presence

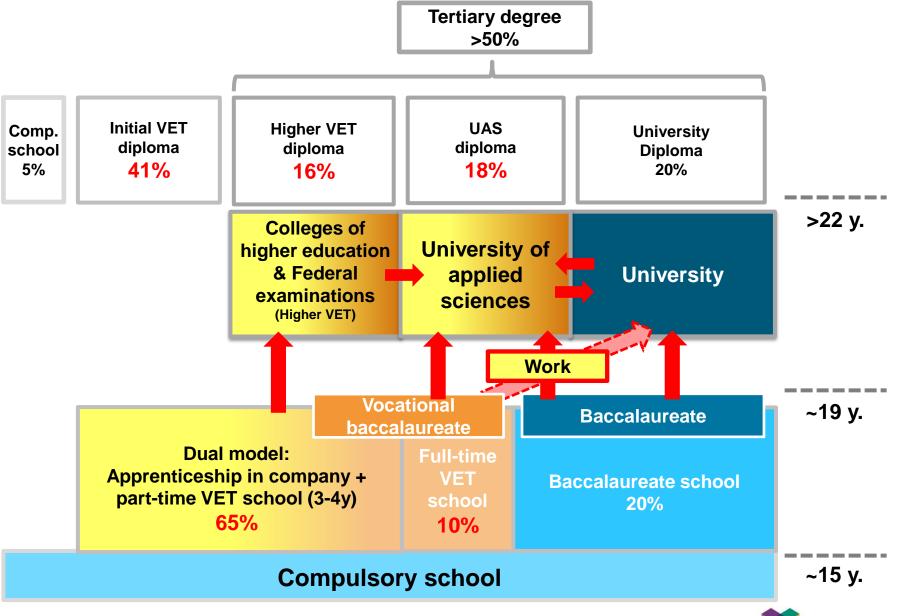




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#### **Dual VET-system in Switzerland**

#### **Facts and Figures**

240'000 apprentices

230 different professions

310 vocational schools

30% of the companies offer apprenticeships





# **Dual VET-system in Switzerland**How does it work?

# Apprenticeship: dual but three locations Federal VET Diploma (3-4 years)

Theory

Practice



VET school (1 – 2 days)



Branch courses (several times a year)



Company (3 – 4 days)

- Apprenticeship-contract between company and apprentice
- Apprentice gets a salary from the company
- Rapid integration in the production/service process



#### **Dual VET-system in Switzerland**

Apprenticeship market

**Companies** Supply: 95'500

Apprenticeship market **—** 

Youth

Demand: 93'500

- ➤ Demand for qualified workers
- Future-oriented investment / social responsibility
- Favourable for the Image
- ➤ Financial advantages



Confederation

- > Economic competitiveness
- ➤ Labour market adequacy of VPET
- ➤ Low youth unemployment

- Work experience
- Nationally recognised degree
- Very good job prospects
- Opportunities for a professional career



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# Public-Private Partnership in VET Legal basis

# Federal Act on Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPETA)

**Article 1: Principles** 

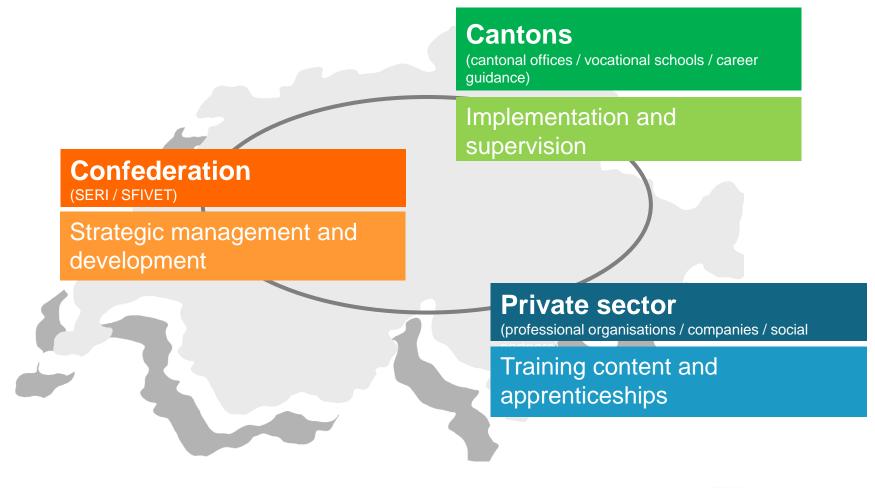
Responsibility for upper-secondary level vocational education and training (VET) and tertiary-level professional education and training (PET) shall be shared by the Confederation, the Cantons and professional organisations (social partners, trade associations as well as other organisations and VET and PET providers). [...]"

In order to fulfil the purpose of this Act:

a. the Confederation, the Cantons and professional organisations **shall coordinate their activities**; [...]"

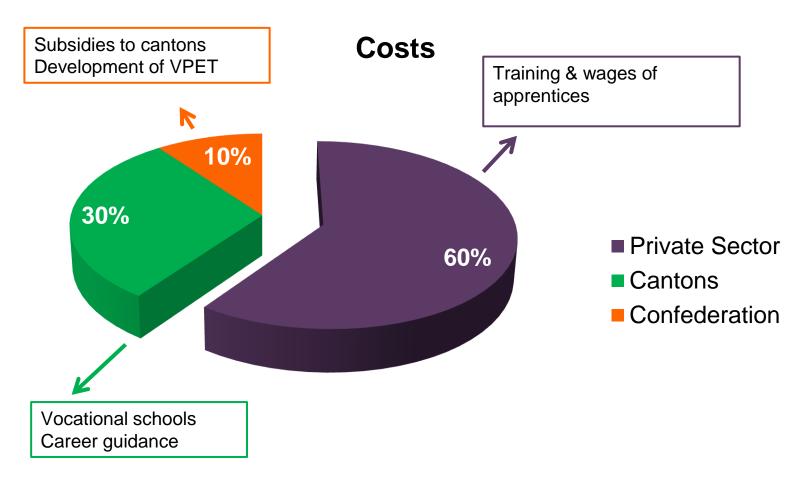


# **Public-Private Partnership in VET**Tasks





# Public-Private Partnership in VET Funding



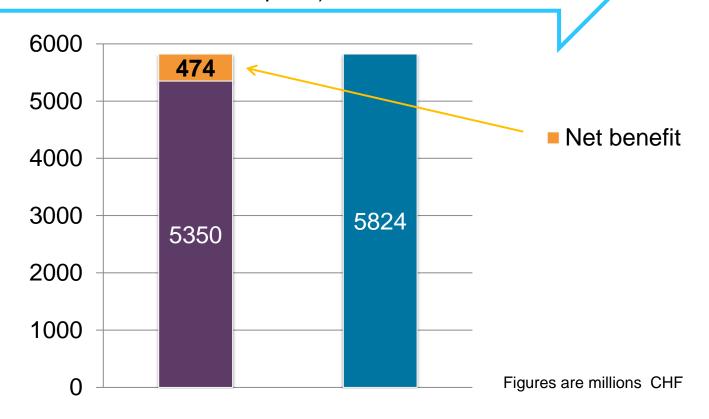


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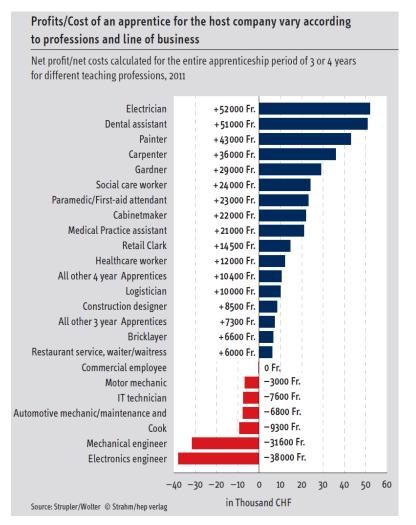


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Source: VPET in Switzerland, Strahm, Geiger, Oertle, Swars, 2016



- 2. Ensure qualified employees with the required competencies
  - Matching between the needs of the labor market and the competencies of the apprentices
  - Companies/professional associations have the lead to develop the curricula
  - Every 5 years revision of each profession







4 reasons

1. Apprenticeships are profitable for companies (net profit)

2. Ensure qualified employees with the required competencies

3. Reputation of the host company

4. Tradition



#### A win-win-win-situation

**Dual VPET system** 

**Individuals** 

**Job prospects** 

Work experience

Recognized qualification

Career opportunities

Companies

**Qualified workers** 

**Economic competitiveness** 

Innovation capacity

Cost-effective training / recruiting

State/society

Low youth unemployment

Right mix of skills and qualifications

High integration capacity

Cost-effective education

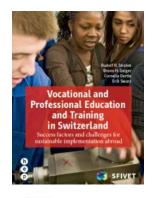


### Key Features of the Swiss VET system

- 1. Public Private Partnership
- 2. Labor market orientation
- 3. Cost efficiency
- 4. Permeability
- SFIVET (VET institute for professionalization and research for all VET-actors)
- 7. Reputation and acceptance in society



#### To go further...



Vocational and Professional Education and Training in Switzerland, (Strahm, Geiger Oertle, Swars 2016)



#### **Training program**

http://www.sfivet.swiss/cas-transferringelements-swiss-vet

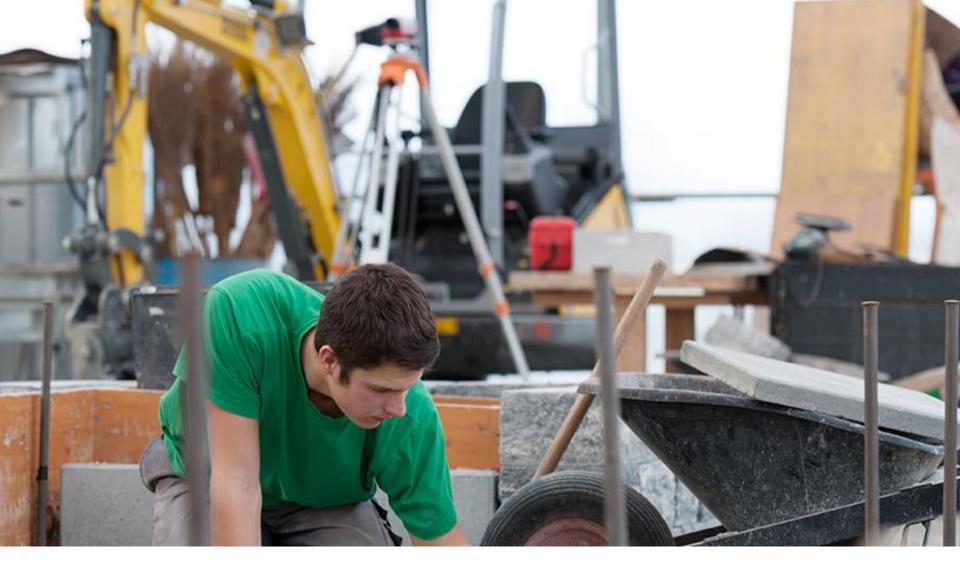


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"Você me diz e eu esqueço,
você me ensina e eu posso
me lembrar, você me envolve
e eu aprendo." (Benjamin Franklin)





## Thank you for listening

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