

VSD TYPOLOGY ADD-ON: DUAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (dVET)

In Switzerland and other countries such as Austria, Germany and Liechtenstein, VET is predominantly based on the so-called dual system. This system is characterised amongst others by a strong collaboration with the private sector – through individual companies and professional organisations. The dual VET system has always been an inspiration for the SDC’s activities in VSD. The Donor Committee for dual Vocational Education and Training (DC dVET) with SDC as one of its founding members highlights three dimensions of dual VET (the dimensions are explained in the first quadrant of the Figure below):

- *The Organisational - Institutional Dimension (dual VET system)*
- *The Pedagogic Dimension (the dual concept)*
- *The Societal Dimension (the professional concept)*

In the projects of SDC, the concepts of dual VET are adapted to the conditions in the partner country, taking existing structures into account – without wanting to transfer the Swiss dual system one to one. Depending on a project’s focus, this may take very different forms. Some approaches are shown in the figure below¹.



¹ A study commissioned by the DC dVET further elaborates on how the private sector can be addressed and motivated to engage in dual VET: <https://www.dcdualvet.org/wp-content/uploads/DCdualVET-STUDY-Working-Tool-Engaging-the-Business-Sector-EN.pdf>