



## **Albanian Coaches learn in Luzern**

*Young men and women from marginalized groups have limited access to the labour market. The AlbVET project implemented by Swisscontact targets such young people, and accompanies them through trained coaches on their path into employment. With this approach Swisscontact makes a significant contribution against social exclusion of marginalized youths. The training of coaches is implemented in cooperation with the University of Lucerne.*

„Many people can benefit from the coaching skills I am gaining through the AlbVET project“, tells Elvira Idrizi enthusiastically. “This is marvelous for me and my NGO.” The Albanian woman is one of 15 coaches of four Albanian NGOs working together with the AlbVET project. Within the framework of their modular training programme they spent one week in Switzerland at the University of Luzern.

In Albania nearly 50 percent of even well educated youth don't find a job.

All the worse is the situation for minorities and youth with poor educational background. More than 30 percent of the Roma children have never attended school.

During their visit in Switzerland the Albanian coaches had the opportunity to meet and exchange with Swiss NGOs. They gained new impressions and could establish important contacts. Elvira Idrizi is impressed how education and vocational training is organized. “After

my return to Albania I prepared an action plan”, she says. “The new methods and the knowledge I gained in Luzern are a big part in it.”

