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Vocational skills are technical and practical knowledge that is characteristic of and necessary for the competent performance of a particular occupation (e.g., electronics repair, sewing, woodworking).

Meta-competences are broader, transferable skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, concern for sustainable development, cooperation, digital literacy, effective communication with others, learning to learn, ethical competencies (e.g., tolerance), adapting to change, and entrepreneurial thinking. Meta-competencies should be considered an integral part of knowledge and skills.

The development of professional and meta-competences opens up new opportunities for SMEs and public institutions:

◆ SMEs

- Opportunity to recruit staff with relevant skills through the NPK and VET system.
- Opportunity to participate in the design of training programs.
- Introduction of internal training and links with local schools or knowledge centres.

◆ Public institutions (e.g., municipalities)

- Support for local initiatives (centres, workshops, public procurement).
- Inclusion of repair skills in youth, social, and employment programs.
- Use of **green public procurement** with repairability requirements.

SLOVENIA

In 2023, Slovenia introduced a **vocational qualification** for electrical appliance repairers.

The National Vocational Qualification (NPK) enables formal recognition of skills even for individuals without vocational school education.

Vocational training in the field of repairs is possible in **cooperation with** the Center for Vocational Education (CPI), the Chamber of Crafts and Small Businesses of Slovenia (OZS), educational centers, and social enterprises (e.g., reuse centers, ZEOS, KNOF).

In accordance with the Right to Repair Directive, Member States must develop an environment that facilitates access to repairs, supports sustainable employment and occupational mobility (horizontal, vertical, geographical, or intersectoral) and encourages small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to develop or restore repair services.

VEDETI, KJE
ISKATI ALI
ODLOŽITI
ODPADNI
TEKSTIL V VAŠI
OKOLICI, JE
PRIMER META
ZNANJA.



Zeleni programi

poklicnega izobraževanje in usposabljanja (VET) poudarjajo razvoj znanj in spretnosti na področju tehnologij popraviljanja in obnove, da se zmanjša količina odpadkov in ogljičnega odtisa ter spodbudi učinkovita raba virov.



EXAMPLES FROM EU

France has introduced repairs into secondary school curricula and developed a national platform for education on repairs.

Italy finances local reuse and repair centers as part of its circular economy strategy.