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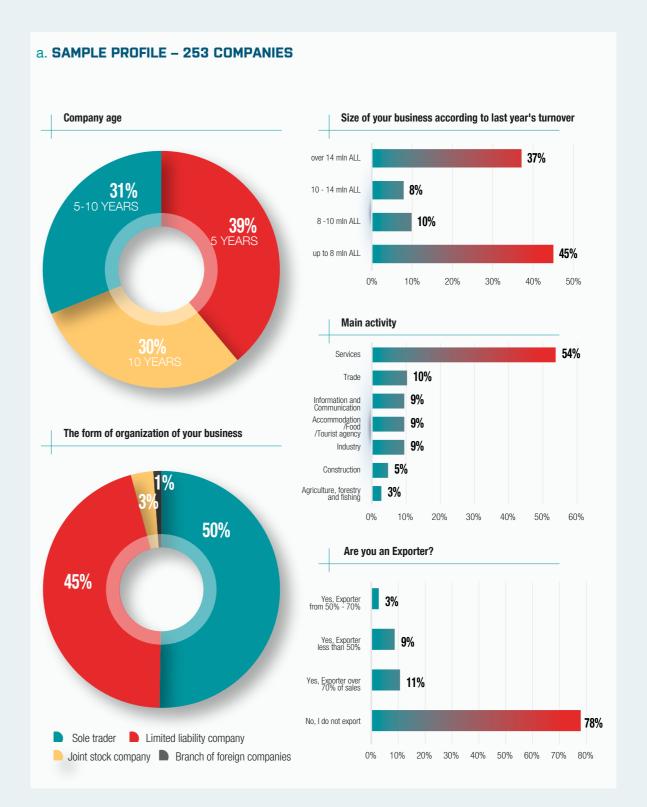
#### **OBJECTIVE & METHODOLOGY**

# SURVEY OBJECTIVE

- 1. Labor shortage
- 2. Workforce finding channels
- 3. Workforce training
- 4. Problems in the labor market
- 5. Informality

## METHODO-LOGY

- 1. Structured questionnaire
- 2. Emailed to about 10,000 companies
- 3. Questionnaires completed anonymously online by 253 businesses
- 4. The survey includes data reported during the period July September 2022





What is the average number of employees in your business?

40%



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The largest shareholders/Partners (with over 50% of shares) of your business are:

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71%

60%

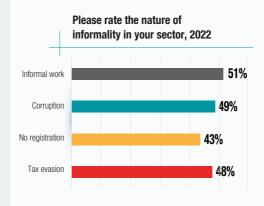
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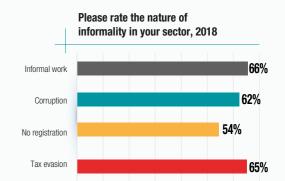


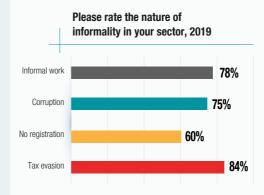
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#### **b. Informality - Business Perception**

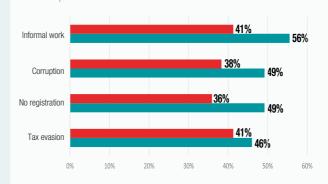






It is confirmed that tax avoidance and Informal work are the two most widespread forms of informality for 2022 as well, although with decreasing trends year after year

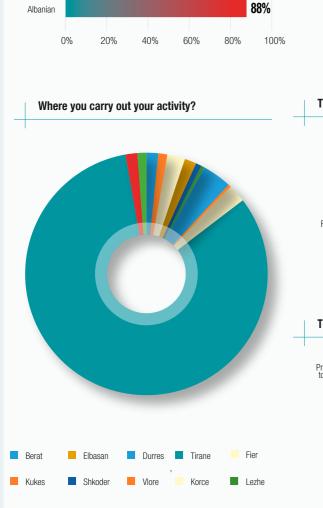
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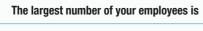


According to gender perception, female entrepreneurs perceive more informality than male

entrepreneurs.

The most widespread form of informality for female entrepreneurs is undeclared work, while for male entrepreneurs undeclared work and tax evasion are valued equally.



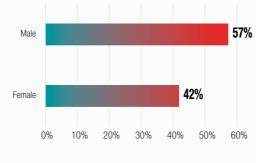


Over 249 **2%** 

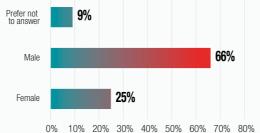
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Up to 9

9%



## The largest shareholder/Partner/Owner of your business is







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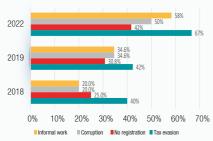
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#### c. INFORMALITY - AS PER SECTORS

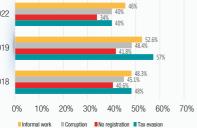
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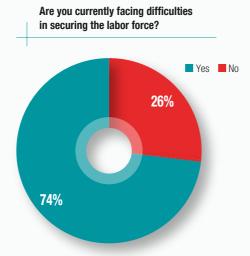
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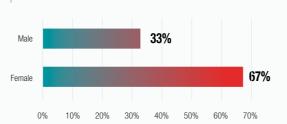


#### d. AVAILABILITY OF WORKFORCE



Companies are experiencing difficulties in finding labor and 74% of them declare that they have a shortage of labor

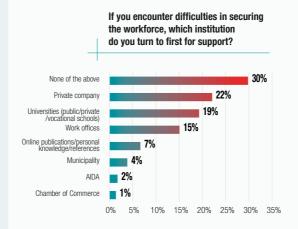
#### In your opinion, the most interested in employment are:



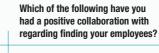
As per gender perception, 67% of female entrepreneurs declare that they face difficulties in securing workforce and 71% of male entrepreneurs.

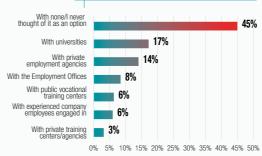
36% of respondents say that women are more interested in employment than men (82% of female and 62% of male respondents)





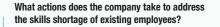
30% of the respondents declare that they do not use any specific channel for securing the labor force; Private employment companies and Universities/Vocational Schools are the Institutions most used by companies in finding a workforce, for male and female entreprenuers.

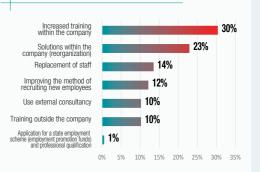




Meanwhile, the most positive cooperation in finding the workforce turns out to be with Universities/Professional Schools; Behavior is the same, for male and female entrepreneurs. The cooperation is mainly realized through personal contacts with teachers/school leaders as well as through internships.

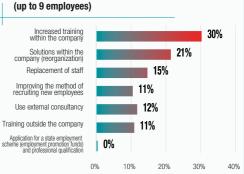
#### f. PROFESSIONAL SKILLS





In general, companies do not budget for training their employees; They try to find solutions to the lack of professional skills within their companies; the same behavior is observed in all companies, regardless of the number of employees or gender;

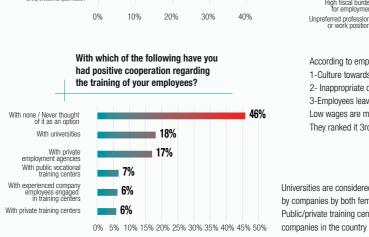
#### What actions does the company take to address the skills shortage of existing employees?

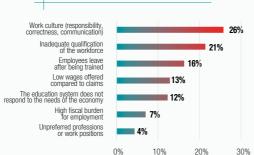




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f. PROFESSIONAL SKILLS g. COUNSELING ON TRAINING What actions does the company take to address Where (institution/expert/other) the skills shortage of existing employees? do you first seek information (10 - 49 emplyees) about training need advice? MFE/DPT/AIDA/Institutions Economist/Accounting Expert Replacement of staff Improving the method of recruiting new employees I do not know Use external consultancy Training outside the company Company resources Application for a state employment scheme (employment promotion funds) and professional qualification Private Centre 3% Donor 1% 0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% f. LABOR MARKET PROBLEMS What actions does the company take to address the skills shortage of existing employees? (over 50 emplyees) In your general opinion, what are the biggest employment problems in the economic sector where your company operates? Increased training within the company Solutions within the company (reorganization Work culture (responsibility, correctness, communication) Replacement of staff Improving the method of recruiting new employees Inadequate qualification of the workforce Use external consultancy Low wages offered compared to claims Training outside the company Application for a state employment scheme (employment promotion funds) and professional qualification





According to employers, the problems in labor market are:

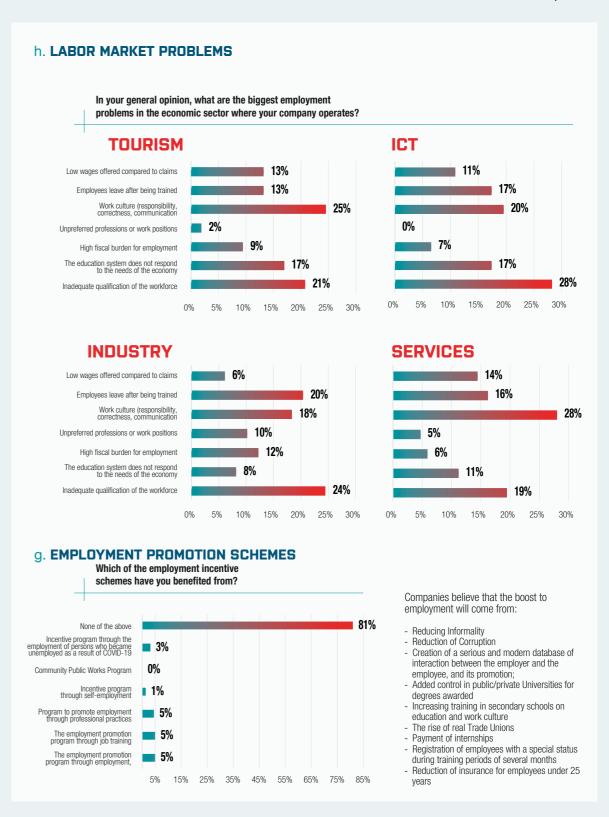
- 1-Culture towards work
- 2- Inappropriate qualification
- 3-Employees leave after being trained
- Low wages are more important for female entrepreneurs.
- They ranked it 3rd biggest problem

Universities are considered the best way to train employees by companies by both female and male entrepreneurs; Public/private training centers are very little used by



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### **CONCLUSIONS**

- » The next epidemic in the country "the departure of the labor force"
- » Companies do not have clear channels for finding manpower, Universities and private employment companies are the most used channels; Employment offices are thought of as offices that mainly help the marginalized population and are not seen as a source of labor force provision;
- » Companies do not budget for the training of their employees, but try to fill the gaps with internal resources;
- » Work culture (more pronounced in the service sector), Lack of qualifications (more pronounced in ICT) and leaving employees after training (more pronounced in Industry) are the 3 primary problems in employment.
- » The tourism and ICT sectors also consider inconsistencies between the needs of the market and what the education system offers in the country as primary problems.
- » Employment incentive packages have not been utilized by business