

COOPERATION BETWEEN VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND FIRMS: SCHOOLS AND FIRMS' PERSPECTIVES

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Abstract:

The aim of the article is to identify existing barriers to cooperation between vocational schools and firms, with the particular attention paid to incompatibility of interests of schools and business entities, structural features of entrepreneurial sector, and labour market situation, which altogether strongly affect employers' willingness to cooperate with schools. Conclusions are based primarily on results of two surveys: of schools in the City of Lublin, and of employers already cooperating with those schools. The general conclusion is that many of these barriers results from strongly decentralized entrepreneurial sector.

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