

BeLL sample report – Switzerland (SVEB)

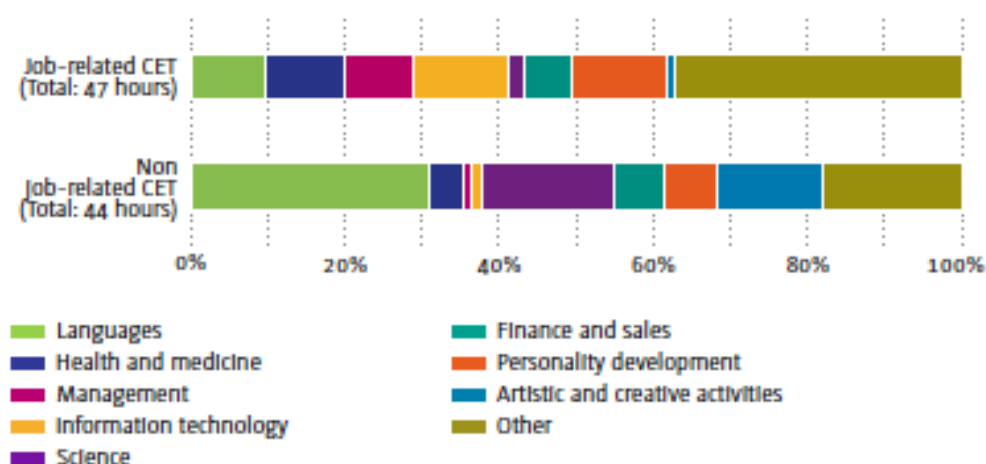
In Switzerland, adult education possibilities are extensive and varied. These include courses, seminars, post-graduate studies as well as offers outside of course curricula, for instance: museum visits, workshops, lectures, field trips, conferences, and more. Also included are e-learning, in-company trainings, the independent use of learning materials and professional literature or learning in self-organized groups.

The teaching contents are multifarious. Among the most popular courses taken are always language courses in the field of liberal adult education named “Non Job-related continued education and training CET”. Other important sectors are health and medicine courses, science, personal development, artistic and creative activities. Most of these courses can be taken both for professional as well as private reasons. What is being learned for professional reasons can also be benefitted from privately, in voluntary work or for hobbies.

206 Topics covered by non-formal CET courses, 2006

Hours completed by employed persons, 25-64 age group

Data: FSO



(see Swiss Education Report 2010, SKBF / CSRE)

Providers in adult education range from small private schools to large enterprises financed privately or through public bodies, associations or labour unions. There are small learning facilities and free-lance instructors. In the following table the most important types of AE institutions and groupings that provide adult education are listed:

Companies, employers	Adult education is a side business. It is mostly not public and the content depends on the aims of the organisation
Private funding bodies (Profit)	Various AE institutions focussing on liberal adult



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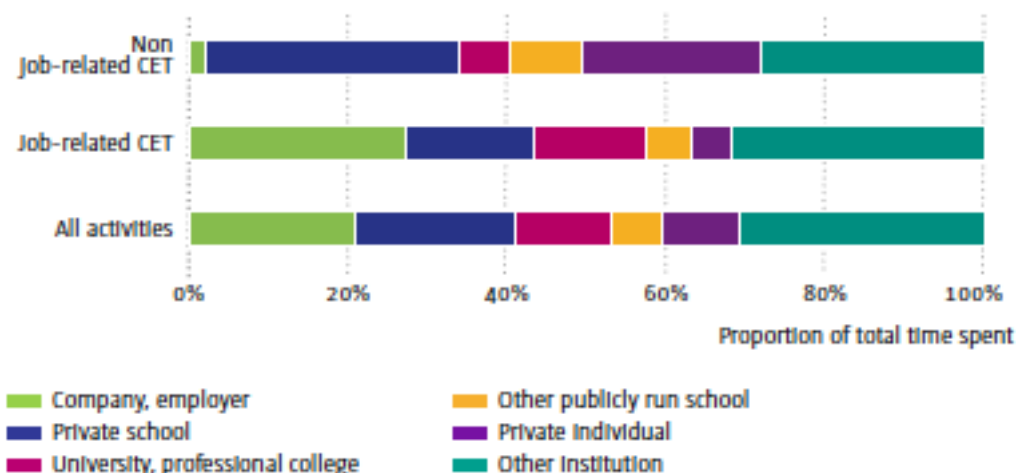
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Organisations)	education and/or vocational trainings
Private funding bodies (Non-Profit Organisations)	AE institutions like Volkshochschule, Migros-Klubschule. In some institutions adult education is the key task and in some just a side business.
Public funding bodies	Universities, universities of applied science, public vocational schools, EB Zürich
Political, social and confessional funding bodies (incl. unions)	The contents are related to values and targets of the funding body.
Self-organised courses	

Among the different providers in non job-related CET, the private sector clearly dominates the business: it provides about 80% of the total training hours available, while publicly supported courses provide only 20%, covered mainly by universities, universities for applied sciences and other publicly run schools.

204 Providers of non-formal CET by purpose of participation

Data: FSO



(see Swiss Education Report 2010, SKBF / CSRE)

The BeLL sample from Switzerland (SVEB)

In reference to the BeLL study, the following AE institutions will be included during the quantitative survey, which represent the most important AE institutions in liberal adult education in Switzerland:



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- **Volkshochschule and Corsi per adulti (swiss Italian version of Volkshochschule):** is committed to offer liberal adult education for the public concerning various learning contents.
- **Migros Klubschule:** is the biggest private AE institution in Switzerland with more than 600 different adult learning offers and around 54'000 conducted courses in the fields of languages, culture and creativity, sport and health, economy and ICT. The institution has 50 locations nationwide and around 450'000 people attend an adult learning course per year.
- **EB-Zürich:** is the biggest AE institution in Switzerland that is publicly funded. It has a broad offer of adult learning courses and around 16'000 people attend a course per year.
- **Language schools:** Various language schools are included during the survey, as language courses are the most popular adult education offers in Switzerland.
- **Self-organised courses**

Besides the listed organisations, also adult learning departments of business companies, universities, organisations funded by unions and AE institutions with focus on trading (KV-Bildungsorganisationen) are additional AE institutions, which will be included in the survey, due to picture a holistic perspective about the diversity of AE providing institutions in Switzerland.

As a result, the Swiss BeLL-sample contains concrete AE institutions, which represent the main institutions offering liberal adult education in Switzerland.



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