



# AGILite

Developing the digital and entrepreneurial competences  
of VET trainers to support agile entrepreneurship training



<b>SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITY</b> <b>IMAGE OR LOGO</b>	 <p>Image source: Microsoft Creative Commons (n.d.)</p>
<b>DEVELOPER/PROMOTER</b>	
<b>PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION</b>	<p>In this EduZine, you learned about the importance of building the resilience of entrepreneurs, especially for unexpected challenges and global events such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis. One of the core issues that businesses will have to build resilience for is ensuring that their product is sustainable. Building resilience in a circular economy requires diversifying supply chains to reduce the risk of disruption.</p> <p><b><i>How important is diversifying your supply chain to help protect against any potential future issues as well as build greater business resiliency?</i></b></p>
<b>WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE PROBLEM?</b>	<p>Diversifying your supply chain is crucial for building business resilience because it reduces the risk of disruption to your operations. Relying on a single supplier or geographic location for your inputs can leave your business vulnerable to unexpected events such as natural disasters, political instability, and supply chain disruptions.</p> <p>Depending on the different types of materials used during production and manufacturing of products, it is important to understand the potential supply chains issues that could occur. Learning the importance of and how to diversify your supply chain is a very important skill needed for building a resilient business.</p>
<b>WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW?</b> <b>SELF-STUDY</b> <b>(Learning resources)</b>	<p>Research ways that supply chains can be managed more efficiently or different methods of production that could be implemented to help avoid supply chain issues. Through this, you are aiming to understand the importance of keeping your supply chain diverse.</p> <p>Here are some resources to get you started:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://www.gartner.com/smarterwithgartner/diversifying-global-supply-chains-for-resilience">https://www.gartner.com/smarterwithgartner/diversifying-global-supply-chains-for-resilience</a></li><li>• <a href="https://ctsi-global.com/2022/how-supply-chain-diversification-can-transform-global-supply-chains/">https://ctsi-global.com/2022/how-supply-chain-diversification-can-transform-global-supply-chains/</a></li><li>• <a href="https://supplychaindigital.com/digital-supply-chain/feature-diversifying-supply-chain">https://supplychaindigital.com/digital-supply-chain/feature-diversifying-supply-chain</a></li></ul>
WHAT DID WE LEARN? PROBLEM SOLUTION	Through this activity, you can see how diversifying your supply chain is an important strategy for building business resilience in an uncertain world. Diversifying your supply chain can also help you build relationships with suppliers who share your values and can support your sustainability goals. By spreading your risk and creating more flexibility in your operations, you can better adapt to unexpected events and position your business for long-term success.
REVIEW, REFLECT AND REPORT (instructions to VET Tutors)	<p>After reading the articles linked above, VET tutors can get participants to reflect on what they have learned about the importance of diverse supply chains for business resilience through the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How dependent is my business on a single supplier or geographic location for critical inputs?</li><li>• Have I assessed the potential risks of a disruption to my supply chain, and have I developed contingency plans to mitigate these risks?</li><li>• Am I actively seeking out and building relationships with new suppliers or exploring alternative inputs to diversify my supply chain?</li></ul> <p>Complete this activity by asking participants to complete a short five sentence summary about the importance of diversifying supply chains to build business resilience long-term.</p>
TARGET GROUP	This activity should be completed with business owners or entrepreneurs
LANGUAGE	English
LINK TO THE RESOURCES	<p><b><i>Economic Recovery: Building a Resilient Circular Economy after COVID-19</i></b> by The Ellen MacArthur Foundation [VIDEO]: <a href="https://ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/videos/episode-3-economic-recovery-building-a-resilient-circular-economy-after">https://ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/videos/episode-3-economic-recovery-building-a-resilient-circular-economy-after</a></p> <p><b>Diversifying Global Supply Chains for Resilience</b> by Gartner [ARTICLE]:</p>



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<https://www.gartner.com/smarterwithgartner/diversifying-global-supply-chains-for-resilience>

**Supply Chain Diversification is a Necessity for Resilience by CTSI Global [ARTICLE]:**

<https://ctsi-global.com/2022/how-supply-chain-diversification-can-transform-global-supply-chains/>

**Feature: Diversifying the Supply Chain by SupplyChain [ARTICLE]:**

<https://supplychaindigital.com/digital-supply-chain/feature-diversifying-supply-chain>