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Past experience shows that the training market is heavily dependent on developments on the labour market. Between September 2000 and September 2005 1.7 million regular jobs disappeared. Consequently, the number of in-company training places has also fallen dramatically.

The number of training places on offer is largely dictated by the personnel needs of companies. But other factors have also contributed to their dwindling commitment.

Some companies

- are put off by the administrative paper work involved;
- are too highly specialised to be able to offer a comprehensive training curriculum;
- don't know enough about the training, support and cooperation opportunities in their region;
- can't find any applicants who match their requirements.

The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) launched the programme JOBSTARTER to overcome obstacles of this kind and improve regional training structures. For the period 2005 and 2010 it is providing funds to the tune of EUR 125 million, including financial backing from the European Social Fund. The Programme Section within the Federal Institute of Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) runs JOBSTARTER.

JOBSTARTER promotes regional projects that help companies create additional training places. The project members are, for instance, chambers, training providers, municipal and regional bodies and the companies themselves. The aim is to improve cooperation amongst the stakeholders thereby fostering greater regional responsibility for vocational education and training (VET). JOBSTARTER provides assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) especially on all vocational training issues and tasks as a means to maintaining and increasing the willingness and ability of companies to provide training.

Depending on their needs, the JOBSTARTER projects provide support for companies in the following areas: information on the preconditions and requirements of dual training and on new and updated training occupations. Furthermore, the projects assist with the organisation and running of training. Finally, they help to source and place

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