



Press release

Vocational education in active process of modernisation

Launch of the project “Support to the Modernisation of the Education and Training System”

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An active process of modernisation of vocational education and training system through the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance starts in the country.

Having in mind that vocational education and training programmes have become outdated and there is a mismatch with the labour market needs what concerns high unemployment rates among secondary school leavers and long periods of job searching, the project “Support to the Modernisation of the Education and Training System” will be implemented in the following 20 months. With an aim to reform the 2 and 3 year vocational education and training system in the country according to the labour market needs, this ambitious project will focus on preparation of standards for vocational qualifications for 2 and 3 year vocational education, reform of the curricula for 2 and 3 year vocational education in accordance with the labour market needs and training of trainers for 2 and 3 year vocational education and training.

The newly developed standards and curricula will be adjusted to the labour market needs and in accordance with the European education and training trends. By reforming these standards and curricula the students will be able to acquire qualifications and skills that will facilitate their integration into the labour market and will be motivated to achieve better results. Beside this, a training of trainers for teaching staff of vocational training will be provided, but also for the participants in the educational system from the social partners.

In order to achieve this, a network between the VET schools and the business partners will be developed.

The project is implemented under the IPA Component IV “Human Resources Development” in the framework of the Operational Programme for Human Resources Development, priority axis 2 – Education and Training, managed by the Ministry of Education and Science, part of the Operational Structure for Human Resources Development.

The activities will be implemented in a close partnership between the Member State institution - Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Vocational Education and Training and the Beneficiary Institution, Centre for Vocational Education and Training, Skopje.

The Twinning assistance will be provided in the form of know-how transfer through the advice and coaching sessions and discussions.

Background information

Project objectives

The overall objective of this Twinning Project is to contribute to the modernisation of the educational and training system through reforms in the Vocational Education and Training.

The purpose of this project is to support the modernisation of the educational system in 2- and 3-years vocational education according to the labour market needs and European standards. Within this project, the following 3 specific and complementary purposes will be achieved:

- preparation of standards for vocational qualification;
- reform of the curricula in accordance with the labour market needs;
- training of trainers of vocational training.

Activities planned under the two Components:

Component 1 Preparation of standards for vocational qualifications and reform of the curricula for 2 and 3 year vocational education:

- establishing of working groups for preparation of standards for 2 and 3 year vocational education;
- preparation of standards for vocational qualification for the 2 year and 3 year vocational education;
- establishing of working groups for reform of the curricula in 2 and 3 year vocational education;
- reformation and adoption of curricula in the 2-year and 3 year vocational education;

Component 2 Training of trainers of vocational training

- development of training need analysis ;
- development of training strategy and training action plan;
- training the trainers of vocational training on the implementation of prepared standards and reformed curricula and production of training materials;

Expected outcomes

The project aims to achieve the following mandatory results:

- 25 standards for vocational qualifications for 2 and 3 year vocational education prepared
- 12 curricula for 2 and 3 year vocational education reformed
- Trained trainers of vocational training in 2 and 3 years vocational education

Stakeholders and social partners involved:

1. Ministry of Education and Science,
2. Ministry of Labour and Social Policy,
3. Council for Vocational Education and Training
4. Bureau for Development of Education

5. Centre for Adult Education
6. Units for Local self-government
1. VET schools
2. Chamber of Commerce
3. Chamber of Crafts
4. Employers representatives,
5. Trade Union
6. Universities
7. State statistical Office
8. Employment Service Agency