

## From “best practice” to “next practice”

LEARN project Study Tour to Slovenia

### VET Teachers as Change Agents for the Autonomy of VET Schools- The Role of VET Centres

Ljubljana, Slovenia 26-29 May 2009

#### Tuesday, 26.05.2009: Hotel Lev

17:00 – 18:30	Arrival at Hotel and Registration
19:00	<b>Dinner and Introduction</b> <i>Sören Nielsen &amp; Sam Cavanagh, ETF</i>

#### Wednesday, 27.05.2009: National Institute for Vocational Education and Training

09:00 – 09:30	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <i>Metka Zevnik, National Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Slovenia</i> <i>Dagmar Ouzon, European Commission</i> <i>Sören Nielsen, ETF</i>
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Introduction to the VET system in Slovenia: main points of the current reform of vocational education</b> VET system organisation during the centralised system and nowadays, vision for VET, reform aims, implementation, courses, first experiences <i>Metka Zevnik, National Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Slovenia</i>
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Quality Assurance and Implications for VET Teachers in the Context of Increased Autonomy</b> Self evaluation and external evaluation of Schools, system of quality assurance: practices in Slovenia and results of the first evaluations in VET schools, <i>Darko Mali, National Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Slovenia</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break

10:45 – 12:00	Self-evaluation and external evaluation, quality assurance measurement: approaches and practices and the role of VET Centres in different SEE Countries Presentations and discussion <i>Chairperson: David Oldroyd, Poland</i>
12:00 – 12:15	Conclusions: what can we learn from the Slovene “best practise” examples <i>Maja Jukič, Croatia</i>
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:15	<b>Support mechanisms and instruments for VET teachers in their new roles</b> Continuing professional development (CPD) of VET teachers in Slovenia: research on school autonomy in Slovenia and new support mechanisms <i>Saša Grašič, National Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Slovenia</i>
14:15 – 14:45	Support mechanisms and instruments used in other SEE Countries <i>Short presentations (Montenegro and Turkey)</i>
14:45 – 15:45	Discussion in two groups on the supporting role of VET Centres in continuing professional development of teachers <i>Chairpersons: Tatijana Glišič, National VET Centre, Belgrade, Serbia and Maja Jukič, Croatia</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:00	LEARN Bench-learning activity: how best to learn from CPI? <i>Hans-Jörgen Knudsen, Denmark</i>
17:00 – 17:30	Feedback and conclusions of the day <i>Margareta Nikolovska, ETF</i>
19:30	Dinner in Ljubljana

#### Thursday, 28.05.2009: Biotechnical School Centre Naklo

08:45	Departure from hotel for the visit to a VET School
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome and presentation of Biotechnical School Centre Naklo <i>Marijan Pogačnik, Director</i>

09:45 – 11:00

**Teachers' perspective on their new roles in the framework of more autonomous schools**

*Presentations by headmasters and teachers*

- *Boris Klančnik, teacher at School Centre Velenje: Cooperation with the world of work from teacher's perspective*
- *Janko Pogorelčnik, principle at School Centre Velenje: Cooperation with the world of work from principle's perspective*
- *Andreja Ahčin, principle and Monika Rant, teacher at Biotechnical School: Individualisation of learning at Biotechnical School Centre Naklo*

11:00 – 11:30

Questions and answers

11:30 – 12:15

Tour around the Biotechnical School Centre

12:15 – 13:15

Lunch

14:00 – 16:00

**Work on VET Centre strategy papers to enable international networks and project work**

Presentation of rationale and tasks

Working in country pairs

Agreement on activities, deadlines and formats

*Margareta Nikolovska, ETF*

16:00 – 16:15

Coffee break

16:15 – 18:00

Two parallel sessions:

I. Consultancy support to national development projects

*David Oldroyd, Poland*

*Hans-Jörgen Knudsen, Denmark*

*Maja Jukić, Croatia*

*Sam Cavanagh, ETF*

II. LEARN Steering Committee meeting

*Margareta Nikolovska, ETF*

Until 20:00

Informal dinner in Ljubljana

20:00 – 22:00

Reflection on the key messages for national VET Centre policy and innovation

Preparation of the first draft of recommendations from the Study Tour

*Chairperson: David Oldroyd*

**Friday, 29.05.2009: Ministry of Education and Sport**

08:30 – 10:00	<p><b>LEARN project work in 2009:</b> Work “packages” for 2009: Bench-learning (HJK) Compendium on innovative VET schools (DO), VET Centre papers (MNI), final publication (SNI), use of LEARN website (SCA) <i>Sam Cavanagh, ETF</i></p> <p><b>Exploring relationships and transmission links between the Ministry of Education, the VET Centre and VET Schools in Slovenia</b></p>
10:00 – 10:20	<p>A top-down perspective on VET Centres: how does the Ministry of Education capitalise on the national VET Centre in Slovenia in the VET policy chain? <i>Boštjan Zgonc, Ministry of Education and Sports, Slovenia</i></p>
10:20 – 10:40	<p>A bottom-up perspective on VET Centres: how can VET schools profit from technical-pedagogical support from our national VET Centre? <i>Albin Vrabič, School Centre Velenje; Dušan Vodeb, Secondary School for Secretaries and Administrative Workers; Marijan Pogačnik, Biotechnical School Centre Naklo</i></p>
10:40 – 11:10	<p>How should a VET Centre be organised and staffed to cope with challenges of top-down and bottom-up expectations? <i>Metka Zevnik, National Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Slovenia</i></p>
11:10 – 11:30	<p>How should a VET Centre be organised and staffed to be an active player in international networks? <i>Mirjana Kovač, National Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Slovenia</i></p>
11:30 – 13:00	<p>From “best practice” to “next practice”: bench-learning from the VET Centre in Ljubljana <i>Individual participant observations, interviews, and discussions with Ministry and VET Centre staff</i></p>
13:00 – 13:45	<p>Conclusions of the Study Tour and next steps in the LEARN project <i>ETF Team</i></p>
13:45 – 15:00	<p>Lunch</p>