

Strategy for the Danube Region

Priority Area 9 “To Invest in People and Skills”

Working Area 4 “Lifelong Learning and Mobility”

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Working Group - *“ Work Based Learning (WBL) - a stakeholders’ collaborative approach”*

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Overall objective

support the regional cooperation in VET based on the specific needs of both VET systems and providers in view of mutual learning, regional exchange of experience and good practice and for nurturing the national VET reforms

Specific objective

- knowledge transfer on the national developments on Work Based Learning (WBL)
- developing policy learning practices and strengthening the exchange of information and good practice in the area of developing a stakeholders' collaborative approach in WBL
- VET schools' networking
- supporting intra-country and inter-country co-operation on VET

Thematic focus / topics

- **stakeholders' collaborative approach for:**
 - WBL curricula design
 - Staff (teachers and tutors) training for WBL
 - Joint assessment of learning outcomes
 - Review and improvement of WBL
 - External monitoring and supervision of WBL
- **VET schools' networks**

Output for 2013-2014

- A set of Policy briefings on the different agreed topics, for making WBL work in practice and enhance its quality, to support VET reforms in the Danube Region
- Communities of good practice for WBL

Meeting schedule 2013-2014

- *Kick off meeting to agree upon the objectives and timeline and to decide on the outputs*
(15 June 2013, Bucharest, Romania)
- *Workshop on exchange of good practices on the agreed topics selected from the thematic focus areas*
(March / April 2014, Bucharest, Romania)
- *Meeting for concluding on cluster's outputs and for identifying priorities for further development of VET policy in region, adapted to national needs - recommendations for further cooperation*
(to be decided)

Represented countries at the kick off meeting

- **AUSTRIA**
- **BULGARIA**
- **GERMANY**
- **MONTENEGRO**
- **REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**
- **SLOVAKIA**
- **SERBIA**
- **ROMANIA**

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