

24th PA9 STEERING GROUP MEETING

Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe (ERI SEE) - Updates

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Background information

- Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe
- International, inter-governmental organisation
- Ministries of education from 7 economies:
 - **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia**
- Regional cooperation for the benefit of national reform processes in education and training, monitoring EU trends and developments
- Partners:
 - Ministries of education/Labour or economy (strategic level)
 - National agencies for VET, QA in pre-tertiary, QA in higher education, Teacher education and training agencies, Chambers of commerce (implementation level)
 - International organizations (ETF, RCC, SICI, WB6 CIF...)



Thematic areas

- Vocational education and training
 - regional network: SEE VET Net and Western Balkans Alliance for Work-based Learning
- General education and VET
 - Regional network for Quality Assurance in pre-tertiary education
 - South Eastern European Network for Teacher Education and Training (SEE TET Network)
- Higher education
 - Cooperation with Regional Cooperation Council: Joint Working Group for recognition of HE qualifications and quality assurance in higher education



Activities - Vocational education and training

Project funded by the Austrian Development Agency – ADA (Enhancements of the quality of education and training in SEE – EQET SEE:

- Cooperation between education and business sector (VET agencies, Chambers of Commerce, education and business representatives)
- Developed regionally-based occupational standards for agro-cultural technician and locksmith
- Developed regionally-based qualification standards for agro-cultural technician and locksmith
- Developed guidelines for teachers for environmental, social and gender aspects
- Being developed:
 - National curricula for these two qualifications
 - Teaching and learning material (emphasizing work-based learning components, environment, social and gender aspects)
 - Trainings for teachers and company instructors (emphasizing work-based learning components, environment, social and gender aspects)

(Budva, Montenegro, 13 – 14th June: regional meeting fine-tuning regional methodologies for development of TL material and trainings for teachers)



Activities - General education

Project funded by the Austrian Development Agency – ADA (Enhancements of the quality of education and training in SEE – EQET SEE, Focus on QA and external evaluation of institutions:

- Developed policy vision for external evaluation
- Developed standard of competences for external evaluators
- Developed tool for the training needs analysis
- Developed tool for the evaluation of external evaluators (360 degrees)
- Being developed:
 - Collection of best practices in the implementation of external evaluation from the EU and SEE institutions
 - Implementation of the training needs analysis
 - Trainings for trainers of external evaluators

(Chişinău, Moldova, 16th – 17th July: Regional meeting fine-tuning methodology for regional trainings for trainers of EE)

- Study visit for teacher training agencies support to teacher education and training agencies in the SEE region on the subject of digitalization

(Zagreb, Croatia, 29th – 30th June: Study visit to Croatian digital centres for education and training)



Activities - Higher education

- Cooperation with Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
- Focus on recognition of higher education qualifications and quality assurance systems
- www.wb-qualifications.org
- Being developed:
 - Up-grades of the register of accredited institutions and study programmes in the region
 - Study visit for QA agencies on the integration of the ESG standards into regular work of QA agencies
 - Implementation of the Agreement on recognition of higher education qualifications in the WB6 (Joint Commission WB6)

Zagreb, Croatia, 6-7th July: Study visit to Croatian Agency for Science and Higher Education

Skoplje, North Macedonia, 26th September: International conference on quality

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Thank you!

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