

22nd PA9 STEERING GROUP MEETING

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 RCC: Joint Working Group for recognition of HE qualifications and quality assurance in higher education

Activities – Vocational education and training

- Development of regionally-based occupational standards (currently agro-cultural technician for traditional and organic production; planned: metal processor and welder; already developed: hotel-restaurant technician, dry-construction worker, painter, tile-setter and floor-setter)
- In cooperation between education and business sector
- Development of regionally-based qualification standards (on the basis of OS-s developed)
- Teaching and learning material (emphasizing work-based learning components)
- Trainings for teachers and company instructors (emphasizing work-based learning components)
- Within a project: Enhancements in quality of education and training in SEE (EQET SEE) funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA)

- WBA4WBL portal (<https://wba4wbl.com/>) about work-based learning in the region



Activities – General education

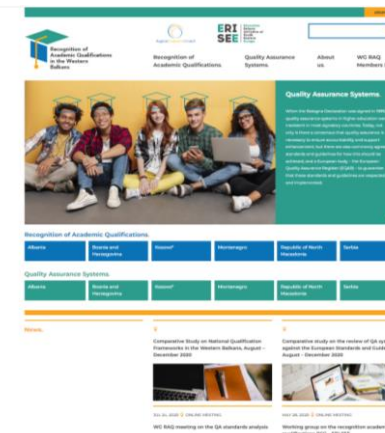
- Focus on external evaluation of institutions:
- Policy guidance for external evaluation
- Data management training
- Standard of competences for external evaluators
- Needs analysis
- Trainings
- Enhancements in the existing methodologies for external evaluations
- Piloting the enhancements
- Also includes VET components
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- Support to teacher education and training agencies in the region (digitalization, blended teaching and learning, digital material etc.) through seminars and exchanges of best practices



Activities – Higher education

- Cooperation with Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
- Focus on recognition of higher education qualifications and quality assurance systems
- www.wb-qualifications.org
- Register of accredited institutions and study programmes in the region
- Data management training
- Workshops for ENIC NARIC offices and QA agencies (
- Support to QA agencies in alignment with the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG) – („mock review” of QA agencies and analysis of alignment/disalignment with ESG)
- Action plan on further steps



Thank you!

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