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**‘Promoting Lifelong Learning in Turkey: putting the LLL strategy in practice’ conference which was organised by ETF and the Ministry of National Education (MoNE) and took place on 12 March 2014, has started with speeches of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kemal Biçerli, Director General of LLL; Ms. Lida Kita and Ms. Virve Vimpari, ETF representatives and Mr. Salih Çelik, Deputy Undersecretary of MoNE.**



- **ETF representatives Arjen DEIJ and Patrick CREHAN gave information on the topic *'Life long learning – Critical contribution in skills development towards the future in Turkey'*.**
- **A panel addressing the *'2014-2018 Turkey LLL Strategy and Action Plan'* took place with the participation of Prof. Dr. Oğuz BORAT, Dr. İsmail DEMİR and Mustafa BALCI.**



**Suggestions made in the light of the presentations and the discussions during the parallel working sessions are summarised as follows;**



# SUGGESTIONS

**1) City Employment and Vocational Education Council should be gathered under City LLL Council to let them to work more functional and become a decision-making body. Special attention should be paid to sustain high participation from Special Education Institutions, Continuing Education Institutions and municipalities.**



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- 2) National LLL Council should be independent and representatives of shareholders should take active role in the council administration.**
  
- 3) The roles of Special Education Institutions and Continuing Education Institutions in LLL system should be clearly defined. (only as provider or also to take part in decision-making?)**



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- 4) Vocational training and social and cultural training courses should be delivered in different educational environments due to differentiating characteristics.**
- 5) Direct education support should be also included in the social support mechanisms.**
- 6) Recognition of prior learning up to a certain date should be included in the LLL Coordination Regulation. For skills dated after that certain date should be certified based on degree.**



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- 7) Ministry of National Education should fulfil their responsibilities regarding LLL system planning, supervising and monitoring. A mechanism for recognition of programmes with same content should be established.**
- 8) Credit designation for certificate validations should be made, grade certification should be gained through credit accumulation.**
- 9) An effective vocational guidance and career counselling mechanism should be established.**





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**10) Considering the environment of their locations, structure and functions of vocational education centres should be reorganised.**

**11) Vocational standards should be revised to promote life long learning.**



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**12) General budget for extending LLL should be allocated to provincial public institutions and NGOs on a project-based manner. This approach will contribute to cooperative working culture within LLL framework, drive increased LLL rates and help effective use of resources.**

**13) A structure that will lead to permanent employment especially at the training field, should be established.**



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**14) After vocational standards are defined, it should be ensured that training activities are provided not only by the public institutions but also the private sector.**

**15) Alternative solutions should be found for part-time apprenticeship-like training to be provided by private sector and financing the training.**



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- 16) All events, courses etc. within the scope of LLL should be saved into a common database by the providers. (E-nonformal Automation System should be used more actively.)**
- 17) Cultural values should be taken into account in the training contents and if translated, they should be adapted to our culture.**
- 18) Education expenses should be deducted from tax for individuals.**