**AUTHORIZED CERTIFICATION BODIES (ACB’s) STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP**

**Taksim International Abant Palace, Mudurnu Bolu,Turkey**

**PROGRAM**

**Day one, Wednesday 19 September 2018**

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| 08:30 – 09:30 | Registration of participants (in parallel to welcome coffee) |
| 09:30 – 10:45 | **Opening Speeches** * *Lida Kita*, Country Desk Turkey, ETF
* *Hüseyin Özhan*, Deputy Head of Turkey, Ankara Resident Office European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
* *Tsvetana Stocheva,* Programme Manager Economic & Social Development Section, Delegation of the European Union to Turkey
* *Adem Ceylan*, President, Vocational Qualification Authority, Turkey
* Ziya Selçuk, Minister of National education (TBC)
* Zehra Zümrüt Selçuk, Minister of Family, Labor and Social Services (TBC)
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| 10:45 – 11:15 | **Coffee Break**  |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | **Presentations***Mehmet Ordukaya*, Head of Department, Testing and Certification Dept. of VQA* Vocational Qualification System and the Role of Authorised Certficiation Bodies
* Relation of Qualification Certificates with Employment, Health & Safety
* Short, Mid and Long Term Policies in Vocational Qualification System
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| 12:00 – 12:30 |  **Stakeholders View and Expectations from System*** Sabahattin Gücin, Ford Otosan A.Ş. Manager of Vocational Training Academy
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| 12:30 - 13:30 |  **Lunch** |
| * 13:30 – 14.00
 | **Distribution of working groups to three rooms*** **1st Working Group:** ACB and VQA Representatives
* **2nd Working Group:** Managers, Policy Makers, Public Authority Representatives
* **3rd Working Group:** Business World and National Qualification System
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| 14:00 – 15.30  | * **1st Working Group:** **Topic 1:** Possible weaknesses of National Qualification System and the Challenges of ACB’s (Voc-Test Centres)
* **2nd Working Group: Topic 1:** Evaluation of the mission of VQA and the developments in the first 10 years of national qualification system.
* **3rd Working Group: Topic 1:** Expectations and demands of labor market from VQA in terms setting of occupational standards, conventionalization of quality assured qualification certificates
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| 15.30 – 16.00 | **Coffee break** |
| 16.00 – 17.30 | * **1st Working Group:** **Topic 2:** Evaluation of Authorization criteria and quality assurance of authorization process of certification bodies
* **2nd Working Group: Topic 2:** Communication and cooperation required between authorities for the success of national qualification system: The relations with national education system and working life
* **3rd Working Group: Topic 2:** Impact analysis of mandatory qualification certificates to the sectors, employment, health and safety, and efficiency.
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| 19.30  | **Official dinner in the hotel** |

**Day Two, Thursday 20 September 2018**

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| 09:00 – 10:30 | * **1st Working Group:** **Topic 3:** Ensuring sustainability of VQA Qualification Certificates in occupations where the certificates are non-mandatory due to Health and Safety regulations and the role of ACB’s in this topic
* **2nd Working Group: Topic 3:** Ensuring the quality assurance of all qualifications issued by public authorities under one roof. What to do to accommodate a culture for qualification certificates and improve its effectiveness.
* **3rd Working Group: Topic 3:** Incentives to increase and sustain the certified skilled workforce and the evaluation of how to expand them.
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| 10:30-11:00 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:00:12:30 | * **1st Working Group:** **Topic 4:** Review of certification process, surveillance of certificates, validity periods, recertification process
* **2nd Working Group: Topic 4:** Ensuring the quality of qualifications in Turkey in terms of TQF and Education Accreditation.
* **3rd Working Group: Topic 4:** Expectations from qualification system in terms of Industry 4.0 developments.
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| 12.30 – 13.30 | **Lunch** |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | * **1st Working Group:** **Topic 5:** The best strategy and methods of certifying the vocational skill and qualifications of refugees and disadvantaged unemployed population . -Evaluation of previously implemented pilot applications-Experiences of other parties dealing with the same issue
* **2nd Working Group: Topic 5:** The status of qualification system at meeting the demands of the market. What to do to meet the demands of the labor market needs?
* **3rd Working Group: Topic 5:** Evaluation of the effects of National qualification system to occupational development, organizational culture, personal motivation in terms of human resources.
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| 15:00-15:30 | **Coffee Break** |
| 15:30-17:00 | * **1st Working Group:** **Topic 6:** The path to Accreditation of Education; How to issue VQA Qualification Certificates through education and training? How to promote it?
* **2nd Working Group: Topic 6:** Discussion of the relation of trainings in higher education and national qualification system.
* **3rd Working Group: Topic 6:** The relation between national qualification certificates and wages
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| 19:00 | **Dinner** |

**Day Three, Friday 21 September 2018**

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| 09:00 – 10.15 | **Presentation of Working Groups**Results from 3 working groups for each 6 topics  |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | **Coffee Break** |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | **Presentation of Working Groups (Cont.)** |
| 11:30-12:30 | **Agreeing on Decisions for Solutions** Panel discussion with VQA and ETF executives to evaluate the outcomes and overall event |
| 12:30-14:00 | **Check Out-Lunch** |
| 15:00 | **Departure** |