Western Balkans Alliance for Work-based Learning (WBA4WBL)

European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAFÄ)

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Western Balkans Alliance for Work-based Learning (WBA4WBL) - Background

- Berlin Process: highest political levels, improving regional cooperation in the WB, support of some EU MS
- ERI SEE and Chambers Investment Forum – called upon to explore ways of joining forces for initiating a Western Balkans Alliance for Work-based Learning

Purpose:
Promoting high quality, labour market relevant VET through:
- strengthening elements of dual system and other forms of WBL
- Enhancing the overall cooperation between the private and public sector in VET
Western Balkans Alliance for Work-based Learning (WBA4WBL)-Framework

- The main actors:
  • South Eastern Europe Vocational Education and Training Network (SEEVET-Net) - SEE VET Centres; the most relevant experts in VET - ministries and agencies/centres for VET
  • Chambers of commerce – connection to the business sector, information on the business trends
  • KulturKontakt Austria (KKA)
    - Expertise, support, additional funding
  • Austrian Economic Chamber (WKÖ)
    - Expertise, contacts, networking
  • Run and coordinated by Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe (ERI SEE) and Western Balkans Chambers Investment Forum (WB CIF)
WBA 4 WBL - Knowledge Sharing and Learning Online Platform

- [https://mk-dizajn.hr/wba4wbl/](https://mk-dizajn.hr/wba4wbl/)
- Overview of already existing:
  - WBL legislative framework
  - WBL implementation
  - WBL financing mechanisms
  - WBL quality mechanisms
- Repository of WBL existing documents:
  - Laws, rule-books, regulations
  - Contracts, checklists, guidelines, handbooks
  - Standards and programmes
  - Quality standards
- Country context
- Instructions for schools/businesses wanting to get involved into WBL
- Overview of WBL-related activities in the region
- Members area – communication, forum
WBA 4 WBL - regionally-based occupational standards

- Mapping exercise on already existing practices and procedures
- Working on methodology for regionally-based standards of occupations
- Relevant for:
  - Enhanced employability within the region
  - Facilitated labour mobility within the region
  - Education responding to the needs of the labour-market
- Real input from the business sector in the region
- Similar basis (in terms of skills needed) of standards of qualifications and curricula
WBA 4 WBL - next steps

- Exploring options for regionally based standards of qualifications
- Cooperation with EU member states currently in the process of developing transnational standards of qualifications
- Strengthening capacities of the WBA4WBL regarding development of regionally-based standards of occupations
Thank you for your attention!

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