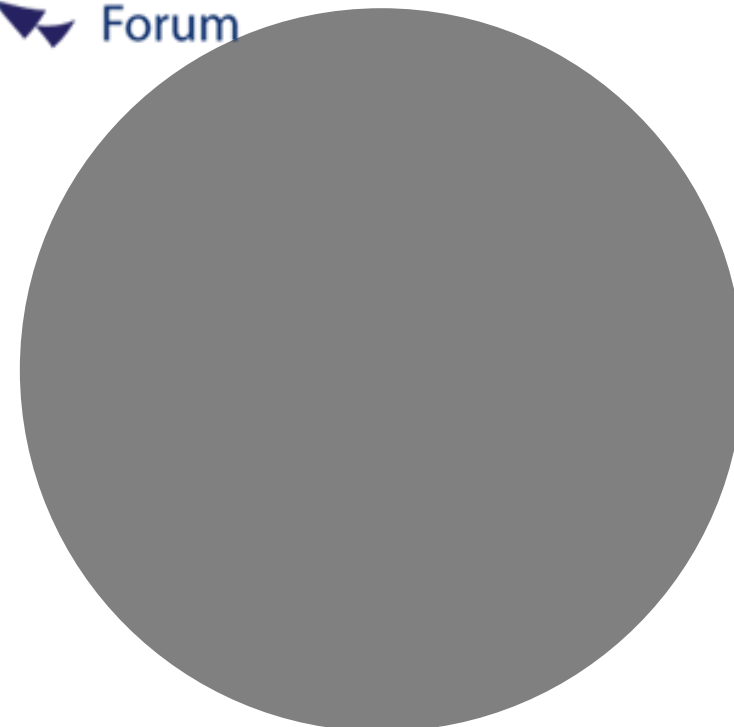




Western Balkans Alliance for Work-based Learning (WBA4WBL)

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(EAfA)

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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 on- line platform

- <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
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