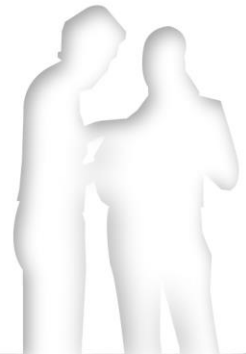


AGENDA

EVENT NAME: **Eastern Partnership Regional Forum on WBL
in VET**

LOCATION **Lopota Lake Resort, Georgia**

DATE(S) **9-11 October 2018**



Introduction

Work-based learning (WBL) is a key priority in VET policies of the European Union, its Member States and in many ETF partner countries. Improving work-based learning in VET is considered a key to address youth unemployment and employability, to better match VET with skills needs of companies and to improve overall relevance and attractiveness of VET. The ETF 3-year regional project on WBL for Eastern Europe and Kazakhstan (2015-2017) and its outcomes confirmed the value and benefits of networking between partner countries in the region and of peer learning with countries of the European Union. It also showed the need for further capacity building for the main stakeholders in view of policy development and implementation of work-based learning in the countries.

Therefore, the ETF will continue to support the policy dialogue with countries in the region through the organisation of an Annual Regional Forum for WBL in VET between 2018 and 2020. This year, the Regional Forum is organised by the ETF in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia. The Annual Forum meeting will be combined with a capacity building offer (Modular Training Course on WBL for policy makers and social partners) developed by ETF to support efforts from countries to improve the quality of WBL to the benefits of both learners and enterprises.

The modular training course on WBL is designed to provide both theoretical knowledge and practical skills on how to develop and implement WBL. The ETF course consists currently of nine complementary modules (see annex 1): Two are e-modules accessible through the ETF's WBL platform (<http://etfwbl.eu/home/en/introduction>). The others are at present face-to-face modules. Three modules are already in use and the others are under development, in consultation with the Annual Forum. All training modules cover the key areas of WBL that are addressed in the ETF WBL Handbook.

The 2018 Annual Forum on WBL addresses priorities identified by VET stakeholders in the region, based on the findings identified by Partner Countries in making use of the ETF's WBL Readiness Tool and on the outcomes of the Annual Regional Meeting in 2017 in Chisinau, Moldova.

The focus of the 2018 Annual Forum and the Modular Training Course will be on the following:

- Two key functions in WBL: In-company trainers in apprenticeship/dual education & placement coordinators in internship/traineeship;
- Financing mechanisms of WBL.

The main objectives of the 2018 Regional Forum are to:

- To share knowledge and foster policy dialogue between countries in the region;
- To help policy makers and social partners to develop appropriate strategies on WBL in VET;
- To strengthen technical capabilities of stakeholders for planning and implementation of WBL.

The course primarily targets policy makers and social partners from the Eastern Partnership region. It addresses both staff working in the field of employment and professionals working in the VET sector, including:

- Decision makers and experts from ministries, agencies and institutions at national and regional levels;
- Representatives of employers and employees organisations involved in VET development;
- Members of Boards of Educational institutions or committees.

The first two days will be devoted to capacity building, the third day is intended to leave space for sharing knowledge and experiences

09 October Capacity building session	Two key functions in WBL: the in-company trainer in apprenticeship & the placement coordinator in VET school Participants will work on the specific features of both key functions. They will be able to identify the key roles of each type of actor as well as the necessary conditions to create or to improve an effective system
10 October Capacity building session	WBL financing Participants will be exposed to the fundamentals of WBL financing and will learn how to apply these ideas to the design, implementation and evaluation of WBL in their own countries.
11 October Networking session	Sharing new developments, knowledge and information Participants will share experiences and learn about new developments in the partner countries, EU Member States and at international level. They will discuss various frameworks to improve the implementation of WBL

Day one, 9 October 2018

“Two key functions in work-based learning”

09:15- 09.30	Registration of participants
Chair: Marika Zakareishvili, Head of Partnership Development Division, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia	
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome and opening address Ms Irina Abuladze deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia (tbc) Mr. Elguja Meladze, President, Georgian Employers Association Mr Catalin GHERMAN, Deputy Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Georgia Mr Xavier Matheu de Cortada, Head of Thematic Policy Unit, ETF
10:00 – 10:10	Introduction to the objectives of the Regional Forum Didier Gelibert, Specialist of Private Sector Engagement in VET, ETF
Capacity building session on two key functions in WBL	
10:15 – 12:15 Session including a break	The placement coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The role of the placement coordinator illustrated by examples from Partner Countries and Member States – Key issues Presenter: Didier Gelibert, Specialist of Private Sector Engagement in VET, ETF▪ The role of the placement coordinator before, during and after work placement: Country case Albania Presenter: Fatjon Dragoshi, Swisscontact, Albania▪ Partner Countries Break out Groups▪ Feedback session Facilitator: Stefan Thomas, VET Specialist, ETF
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch Break
Chair: Marika Zakareishvili, Head of Partnership Development Division, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia	
13:30 – 17:15 Session including a break	The In-company trainer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The in-company trainer/mentor function (profile, functions, tasks and position)• Building a training programme for in-company trainers. International experiences: pre-requisites, content of the programme, structure, duration, provider, administration.• Partner Countries Break out Group Presenter / Facilitator: Winfried Heusinger, international expert
17:15	Conclusion of Day 1 Alastair Macphail, Head of Communication Department, ETF

Day two, 10 October 2018

“Financing WBL”

Chair: Xavier Matheu de Cortada, Head of Thematic Policy Unit, ETF

9:00 – 09:10	Introduction – Overview of the agenda of the day
09:10 – 09:35	Day 1 summary and feedback by participants Facilitator: Timo Kuusela, Specialist in VET Policies and Systems - Country Desk Belarus and Georgia, ETF
9:35 – 09:45	Why Financing of WBL? Presenter: Stefan Thomas , VET Specialist, ETF

Capacity building session: Financing WBL

09:45 – 11:15	7 Partner Countries reviews: cost and benefit of work- based learning Presenter/Facilitator Stefan Thomas, ETF
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 13:00	Cost and benefit Break out groups Presenter/Facilitator: Stefan Thomas , VET specialist, ETF
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch

Chair: Xavier Matheu de Cortada, Head of Thematic Policy Unit, ETF

14:15 – 15:30	Cost and benefit Feedback from break out groups Presenter/Facilitator: Stefan Thomas , VET specialist, ETF
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Financing sources and tools for Work-Based Learning Financial and non-financial Incentives, levies, training funds.. Presenter (skype connection): Marie Dorléans, Senior Specialist in Governance and Financing of VET, ETF
17:30	Conclusions of Day 2 Marika Zakareishvili, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia, and Didier Gelibert, ETF
	Logistical information Inna Dergunova, Project Officer, ETF
19:30	<i>Welcome dinner and networking activities, Restaurant Khareba</i>

Day three, 11 October 2017

“Looking to the future”

Chair: Didier Gelibert, Specialist in Private Sector engagement in VET, ETF

9:00 – 09:10	Introduction – Overview of the agenda of the day
09:10-9:35	Work-Based Learning in Georgia host country: highlights Marika Zakareishvili, Head of Partnership Development Division, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia
9:35 – 10:45	WBL: recent developments in Partner Countries Knowledge sharing session on Partner Countries striking developments: new regulations, experimentations, new mechanisms and policy developments Q & A session Facilitators: Inna Dergunova, Project Officer, ETF Mara Arno, Planning & Coordination Officer - Quality 4 Events Officer, ETF
10:45- 11:15	Coffee-break
Chair: Xavier Matheu de Cortada, Head of Thematic Policy Unit, ETF	
11:15 – 11:45	WBL: review of recent international developments <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ VET and Work-Based Learning in Austria Reinhard Nöbauer, Senior Expert, Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research▪ European Alliance for Apprenticeship Stefan Thomas, VET Expert, ETF▪ CEDEFOP cross national review Ramona David Craescu, Expert, CEDEFOP
11:45– 13:00	2019-2020 Partner Countries National perspectives Break out groups Facilitation: ETF Specialists 2019 Annual Regional Forum key issues and location Didier Gelibert, Specialist of Private Sector Engagement in VET, ETF Concluding address and closure of the Forum Representatives of Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia Xavier Matheu de Cortada, Head of Thematic Policy Unit, ETF
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch
14:15– 17:00	WBL project in Georgia – Peer Visit
17.00	Departure to Tbilisi

Annex 1 Capacity Building Modules

Modules	Type	Status
1. What is Work-based Learning	 e-module	Available
2. Why Work-Based Learning	 e-module	Available
3. Two Key functions	 face-to-face	Available
4. Financing WBL	 face-to-face	Available
5. Making a choice	 webinar	Under development
6. WBL & learning in the classroom	 face-to-face	Under development
7. Quality Assurance in WBL	 face-to-face	Under development
8. Assessing and recognising WBL	  Webinar or face-to-face	Under development
9. Governing WBL	 face-to-face	Under development

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