

AGENDA

FINANCING OF VET SCHOOLS IN MONTENEGRO – PEER LEARNING WORKSHOP

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PRESENTATION

At the request of the Ministry of Education of Montenegro, the European Training Foundation (ETF) planned in 2019 a support to the national strategic reflection on financing modalities for Vocational Education and Training (VET) schools in Montenegro. Consequently, it was agreed that first, the ETF would carry out a thorough analysis of the VET financing system currently in place. Based on its findings, a peer learning workshop is organised with the triple objective to:

- (i) share the main findings of this state of play,
- (ii) expose the Montenegrin stakeholders involved in the financing of VET schools to international experiences and look into their applicability, namely those of Estonia and Slovenia, thanks to the participation of practitioners from these two European Union Member States,
- (iii) discuss needs and identify possible next steps for reforming the financing of VET schools in Montenegro

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Time	Session	Speakers
08:30 – 09:00	Welcome coffee and Registration of participants	
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Background and rationale of this initiative, method followed, objectives and agenda of the day</p>	<p>Veljko Tomić, Ministry of Education</p> <p>Marie Dorleans, ETF, Senior Specialist</p>
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Session 1: Sharing the diagnosis of the situation in Montenegro (90min)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State of the art of VET school financing in Montenegro : findings from the analysis (9:30 – 10:15) 2. Questions, comments and additional inputs – all (10:15 – 11:00) 	<p>Marie Dorleans, ETF</p> <p>Sarah Elson-Rogers, ETF International consultant</p> <p>Natasa Obradovic, ETF National consultant</p>
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break	
11:20 – 12:50	<p>Session 2: Exploring options for addressing key issues/challenges, based on international experiences</p> <p>Key issue 1: STATE BUDGET ALLOCATION Which basis for allocating a budget to VET schools?</p> <p>KEY issue 2 : VET SCHOOL AUTONOMY How to combine financial autonomy of VET schools and accountability?</p> <p>Key issue 3: RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STAKEHOLDERS How to align the relationship between VET funder and provider? How to engage other stakeholders in the funding of VET schools?</p>	<p>Facilitation: Sarah Elson-Rogers</p> <p>Triin Laasi, Principle of Tallinn School of Economics, Estonia</p> <p>Rein Oselin, Principal of Järvamaa Vocational Education Centre, Estonia</p> <p>Branko Kumer, Director of VET school, Slovenia</p>

12:50 – 13:30	<i>Light lunch break</i>	
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Session 3: Proposing recommendations for possible next steps in Montenegro</p> <p>What are the key lessons learnt for Montenegro, and which practices could be taken forward for further discussion?</p> <p>Needs and concrete actions to move forward</p> <p>Conclusions and closure of the event</p>	<p>Group work and consolidation Plenary discussion</p> <p>Marie Dorleans, ETF Zora Bogičević, Ministry of Education</p>