

AGENDA

SKILLS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MONTENEGRO: DUAL EDUCATION - WHERE WE ARE NOW? HOW TO BOOST SKILLS FOR PRIORITY ECONOMIC AREAS?

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SUMMARY

The European Training Foundation (ETF) and the ILO Budapest have jointly supported an evaluation of the first two years of Dual Vocational Education in Montenegro. The analysis looks at the current capacities and abilities of all stakeholders involved in 3-year dual education (in particular VET schools, companies, social partners, the Chamber of Economy, the Employers' Federation, national Ministries, VET Centre) in the country to design, govern and implement 3-year dual education. It also investigated in some scenarios of how the quality and quantity of 3-year dual education provided by VET schools and companies may be further developed.

The ETF, in close cooperation with national stakeholders, launched in the beginning of 2019 an in-depth analysis on skills implications of economic development and innovation strategies, using the Montenegro smart specialisation strategy as a proxy. The analysis focused on two priority areas identified in the Montenegro smart specialisation strategy, namely renewable energy and health

tourism. Building on the findings of the smart specialisation approach, the current human capital situation and challenges were analysed through a combination of quantitative and qualitative research instruments. The findings point to the main education and training, skills and human resources issues that need to be addressed for the policy goals on innovation, growth and competitiveness to be met in Montenegro.

As Montenegro is in process of revising or adopting new strategies in the field of education, training and employment, the findings and conclusions of these two analyses can inform policy making and feed into these new strategic orientations post 2020.

The objectives of the event to be held in Podgorica on 22 October is to share the preliminary findings from the two analyses focused on dual education and skills implications of economic prioritisation as a key resource for innovation, growth and competitiveness in Montenegro. Participants will discuss the major conclusions and recommendations that can inform the drafting of the new Strategy on Vocational Education and Training 2021-2024 and the post 2020 strategy and action plans in the field of employment and any other relevant policy areas.

TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2019

08:00 – 08:30	Welcome coffee and Registration of Participants
08:30 – 09:00	Opening Session Veljko Tomić, Ministry of Education Stefan Thomas, European Training Foundation (ETF)
09:00 – 11:00	Session 1 – Evaluation of 3-year Dual Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the joint ETF – ILO evaluation Alessandra Molz, Skills and Employability Specialist, ILO Central and Eastern Europe Office, Budapest, and Stefan Thomas, Specialist in VET Policies and Systems, ETF Presentation of preliminary findings Miomir Despotovic and Rajko Kosovic, ETF and ILO consultants <p>Questions and answers</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Session 2 – Skills demand and supply in economic priority areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to ETF analysis of skills implications of economic prioritisation as a key resource for innovation, growth and competitiveness (policy context in EU and ETF Partner Countries; aims and expected results) Pirita Vuorinen, Human Capital Development Specialist, ETF Research methods and major findings on human capital development in the priority economic areas of Montenegro – renewable energy and health tourism Jelena Janjusevic, Rajko Kosovic, ETF local consultants Summary of recommendations to be considered in the next strategy cycle (education, training and employment) Cristina Mereuta, Labour Market Specialist, ETF <p>Questions and answers; Discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Closing Session – Conclusions Followed by lunch