

PROTOCOL

ON THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

The European Training Foundation (hereinafter - ETF) and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan (hereinafter - MES RK), hereinafter referred to as Sides,

considering the provisions of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement signed on 23 January 1995 by the Republic of Kazakhstan, on one hand, and the European Communities and their Member States, on the other hand, and the Declaration of Intent and Cooperation in the field of professional education and training (hereinafter – VET) between the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the European Training Foundation, signed on 27 September 2010,

recognising that the Sides have a common interest in cooperation in the field of vocational education and training,

have decided as follows:

Section 1

- 1.1. This Protocol establishes a framework for co-operation in the field of vocational education and training between the ETF and MES RK.
- 1.2. The purpose of this Protocol is to define the working arrangements between the ETF and MES RK in order to implement their cooperation.
- 1.3. This Protocol is not intended to create or affect legal rights or obligations, either in the relationship between the ETF and MES RK or with third Sides.
- 1.4. This Protocol is a statement of best intent of the Sides.

Section 2

The general objectives of this cooperation will be to:

- a) implementation of the *Torino Process* with the view to support the policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan in reforming vocational education and training;
- b) study of the cooperation between the education and business sectors.

Section 3

For the purpose of the implementation of the priority areas stated in the Section 2 the Sides will implement the following measures:

- a) Promoting cooperation and social partnership between the VET system and business structures at regional level;
- b) Ensuring systematic information exchange and participation in the events organised by the Sides in the field of VET;
- c) Provision of internships for the training of national experts in the area of VET (seconded national experts in VET)

Section 4

4.1. With the view of ensuring effective cooperation, the Sides adopt annually, by 20 January, a joint implementation action plan which should include at least one event per year, at the national or regional levels, financed by the ETF (conference or seminar)

4.2. The Sides will make use of its national and international VET experts with the view to exchange experience on the issues of the *Torino Process* in the framework of the present Protocol.

4.3. The selection of national experts is governed by the ETF Director's Decision DEC/09/ETF/001 "*Laying down the rules on the secondment of national experts in professional training to the ETF*".

Section 5

5.1. On annual basis, by 15 December of the current calendar year, a joint monitoring of the joint implementation action plan is carried out.

5.2. The results of the monitoring are taken into account for the development of the next joint implementation action plan in view of ensuring effectiveness of the cooperation between the Sides.

Section 6

- 6.1. This Protocol will come into effect on the date when the last of the two Sides signs.
- 6.2. This Protocol will remain in effect for three years following which it may be extended by the Sides.
- 6.3. This Protocol may be terminated at any time by either Side upon one month written notice.

SIGNATURES

This Protocol was signed in three originals, in English, Kazakh, and Russian languages.

In case of contradiction, the English version will prevail.

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