

## COOPERATION AGREEMENT

AGR/12/ETF/01

between

**THE EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION,**  
Villa Gualino, Viale Settimio Severo 65, 10133 Torino, Italy,

hereinafter referred to as "the ETF"

on the one side,

and

**dvv international Germany**  
Obere Wilhelmstr, 32, 53225 Bonn, Germany

hereinafter referred to as "dvv international"

on the other side,

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| <b>ETF</b>                  |
| Correspondence registration |
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## INTRODUCTION

Having regard the Regulation (EC) No 1339/2008 establishing the European Training Foundation as an agency of the European Union, aiming to contribute, in the context of EU external relations policies, to improving human capital development in the partner countries;

Whereas the 'human capital development' is defined as work which contributes to the lifelong development of individuals' skills and competences through the improvement of vocational education and training systems;

Whereas among the ETF functions are to facilitate the exchange of information and experience among donors engaged in human capital development reform in partner countries and to disseminate information and encourage networking and the exchange of experience and good practice between the EU and partner countries and amongst partner countries in human capital development issues;

Noting ETF's decision to strengthen the exchange of experiences, peer learning and access to information between partner countries and the EU Member states;

Considering the ETF decision to enhance the added value of its interventions through a better coordination with the EU Member States institutions aiming at strengthening the policy dialogue and mutual learning as regards EU developments in the field of vocational education and training;

Whereas dvv international is promoting development through cooperation in youth and adult education;

Considering the full respect of responsibilities of each Side in their field of expertise;

Recognising that the Sides have a common interest in cooperation in the field of adult learning;

THE SIDES HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

## **Section 1 – PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This Cooperation Agreement establishes a framework for co-operation in the field of vocational education and training, between the ETF and dvv international.
- 1.2 This Cooperation Agreement is not intended to create or affect legal rights or obligations, either in the relationship between the ETF and dvv international or with third parties, but is a statement of best intent of the Sides.

## **Section 2 – COOPERATION OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The general objectives of this cooperation will be to promote:

- a) Coordination between the Sides' activities aimed at fostering and supporting the development of vocational education and training in the partner countries, focusing on adult learning and Lifelong Learning and
- b) Knowledge sharing in the field of adult learning and Lifelong Learning;

## **Section 3 – IMPLEMENTATION**

- 3.1 Cooperation will be conducted on the basis of the following principles:
  - a) Appointment of contact persons;
  - b) Preparation of annual action plans based on prior assessment of achieved results.
- 3.2 Each Side will endeavor to prevent any situation that could compromise the impartial and objective implementation of this Cooperation Agreement. Such conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other relevant connection or shared interest.
- 3.3 Each Side will undertake with the scope of avoiding any conflict of interest, to refrain from participating in procurement procedures launched by the other Side

## **4 – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

- 4.1 All cooperation will be carried out within the administrative and financial rules and regulations of both Sides and in line with the mandate and responsibilities of the Sides.

## **5 – MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

- 5.1 Co-operation will be monitored and evaluated as appropriate on a mutual cooperative basis thus permitting, as necessary, the adjustment of the decided activities in the light of any needs or opportunities becoming apparent in the course of their implementation.

## 6 – COPYRIGHT AND OWNERSHIP

- 6.1 Copyright on the content of all texts and other documents produced under this co-operation will vest jointly in the Sides.
- 6.2 The Sides will not divulge such documents and information referred to in Section 6.1 above without the written consent of the other.

## 7 – VISIBILITY

- 7.1 Each Side will endeavor to take the appropriate measures to ensure that communications or publications about the joint activities, including at an event, indicate that they have received contributions from the Sides.

## 8 – OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

- 8.1 This co-operation agreement is without prejudice to cooperation which may be put in place pursuant to other arrangements between the Sides.

## Section 9 – GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

- 9.1 This Cooperation Agreement will come into effect on the date when the last of the two Sides signs.
- 9.2 This Cooperation Agreement will remain in effect for four years following which it may be extended by the Sides.
- 9.3 This Cooperation Agreement may be terminated at any time by either Side upon one month written notice.

## SIGNATURES

For the European Training Foundation



Madlen Serban, Director

Done at Turin, on 08/01/13

For dvv international



Dr. Roland Schwartz, Director

Done at Bonn, on 23/01/13

In duplicate in English.

## ANNEX I

### ACTIVITIES

#### I.1 – COOPERATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

In accordance with the objectives set out in this Cooperation Agreement at Section 2, the Sides have agreed to focus their cooperation in the inter-regional dimension and to promote the following joint activities:

- Exchange of information between each Side's staff on relevant technical and country specific issues, including on project activities implemented in and for the partner countries and on planning of seminars, round tables and conferences;
- Knowledge sharing in adult learning and Lifelong Learning;
- Participation to international seminars and conferences organised by the other Side;

#### I.2 – MANAGEMENT OF THE ACTIVITIES

##### I.2.1 The contact persons are:

For the ETF

Mr. Henrik Faudel, Head of Geographical Operations Department

For the dvv international

Mr Uwe Gartenschlaeger, Deputy Director

##### I.2.2 The contact persons will prepare the annual action plan for the activities described above and related timetable.

##### I.2.4 The contact persons will organise regular discussions, once a year, to review the status and the effectiveness of the cooperation, including an assessment of activities undertaken.

