

Terms of reference: TF BHC and ERI SEE Joint Cluster of Knowledge

Note: Original ToR has been updated after the TFBHC' Regional Workshop on Cooperation around Clusters of Knowledge, 14-15 December 2010. Further adjustments envisaged in terms of defining precise dates for the joint activities and increase in participating countries and organizations.

<p>Name of the cluster: Modernizing VET system – improving performance, quality and attractiveness of VET</p>
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<p>Composition:</p> <p>Countries: Bosnia&Herzegovina, Croatia, Muntenegro, Republic of Moldova, Albania and Romania; international organisations/institutions; support offered either through eligible funding sources or available expertise by EC(DG ENL), ETF, OECD The cluster is open to other countries and organizations who want to join.</p>
<p>Purpose and/or outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to intensify regional cooperation for the development of an attractive VET, based on improved performance and quality in order to contribute to economic and social development of each country; - the outcome consists in enhanced expertise and developed cooperation through partnerships that will ensure the sharing of common topics of interest, will contribute to the creation of knowledge and will support policy development based on national needs.
<p>Reference to Task Force Action Plan (2009-2010) and Task Force related documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Zagreb Plan of Action 2009-2010, Action line 3: Regional cooperation and common areas of interest, p.3, para s) 2) Constituent document of the TF BHC of the RCC – Working methods and instruments, p.3, para 3 3) Minutes and Conclusions of the Meeting of Senior officials from the Istanbul MoU Region 4) Conclusions of the International Conference on fostering and Building Human capital for Sustainable Knowledge Societies in SEE 5) RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013: Building Human Capital – Annex I 6) ERI SEE Work Programme 2010: Establishment of Clusters of Knowledge in two thematic areas relevant for SEE cooperation in education and training (action line 1, p6)
<p>Specific tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To identify and develop concrete regional project proposals to enhance coherence between different approaches in the region regarding development of VET system on common themes of interest:

- Qualifications development
- Matching VET supply with labor market demand
- Evidence based policy in VET
- Quality Assurance in VET
- To identify priorities for further development of VET policy in region, adapted to national needs
- To develop tools and mechanisms supporting creation of sustainable network for knowledge sharing in region for competent authorities

Reporting

Minutes of cluster activities shall be made available by the lead country and forwarded to the Task Force Secretariat. The Task Force Secretariat should also receive regular reports and updates.

Meeting schedule – 2 years period

On the occasion of the 1st event the schedule of the other events will be discussed.

30-31st of May 2011 - Kickoff meeting to agree upon the cluster's objectives and timeline and to decide on cluster's outputs (e.g. compendia of good practices on quality assurance and social partnership in VET)

October- November 2011 - meeting on increasing quality in VET, creating a quality culture, starting the development of compendia of good practices on:

- improving quality in VET and developing a quality culture at VET providers' level
- social partnership in VET

April 2012: Improving VET attractiveness, tools for sustainable networks; concluding on good practices included in the compendia;

September- October 2012: Meeting for concluding on cluster's outputs and for identifying priorities for further development of VET policy in region, adapted to national needs - recommendations for further cooperation - up-dating on EU instruments for VET (EQARF, ECVET)

Liaison with other action lines

European initiatives:

EQF for LLL
ECVET
EQARF
New skills for new jobs

Additional remarks

Financial issues

Cluster meetings are to take place in Romania.

NCTVETD will ensure the costs for accommodation and meals for the participants during their stay in Romania.

ERISEE offered to co-finance cluster activities (international travel costs) for participants from countries members of the ERI SEE Governing Board, specifically: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, as well as participants from UNMIK/Kosovo.

Synergies

It is important to ensure the synergy with the VET agencies network from Western Balkans.