State of Play for the Principality of Liechtenstein

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Presentation Outline

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Principality of Liechtenstein
In a nutshell

- Liechtenstein is the 6th smallest country in the world
- Area: 160 km² / Wooded area 66km² / Settlement area 17 km²
- 24.8 km long
- Official language: German
- Currency: Swiss Francs
- Liechtenstein is the only country that is situated entirely in the Alpine massif.
• Population: 37’400/
  Employed 36’680/ Inward
  commuters 19’551

• Share of foreign population
  33,7%
National Economy

- Highly diversified economy
- 17 enterprises with 250+ employees
Interrelations

- 1806 Souvereign State
- 1852 Customs Treaty Austria
- 1923 Customs Treaty Switzerland
- 1991 Accession to EFTA
- 1995 Accession to EEA and WTO
School system

• Very similar school system than Switzerland
• Different treaties between Liechtenstein and Switzerland concerning recognition
Dual VET System

- Same VET System than Switzerland
- All VET schools are in Switzerland
- Two out of three pupils leaving secondary school in Liechtenstein each year decide to pursue vocational training
- In house training in Liechtenstein
- Same degree than in Switzerland
University

- Only one university with faculty of economics, entrepreneurship and architecture
- Agreement with Austria, Germany and Switzerland for students to study for the same conditions than their own students
- Roughly 40% of the pupils have a matura degree and are enabled to go to university
Appearance of the NQFL

- 2011 decision to build a separate NQFL
- Contact with Switzerland concerning VET
- 2012 NQF for Higher Education
- Several contacts on ministerial level with Switzerland regarding VET
Further actions

• Finalization of the referencing report/Translation
• Decree for the NQFL signed by gouvernment
• Implementation – Supplement
• Homepage