

European Alliance for Apprenticeships

Fourth Regional Seminar for Candidate Countries

Engagement of Small and Medium Enterprises in Work-Based Learning

Hotel Hilton, Bulevar ASNOM 17, Skopje

25-26 September 2019
Skopje, North Macedonia

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Day one: 25 September 2019

Morning Session

Chair: Didier Gelibert, Specialist of Private Sector Engagement in VET, European Training Foundation

09:00 – 09:30	Arrival and registration of participants (welcome coffee)
09:30 – 10:15	Welcome and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arber Ademi, Minister, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of North Macedonia Virve Vimpari, Head of Operations 2, European Union Delegation to North Macedonia Elena Milevska Strbevaska, Economic Chamber of North Macedonia
10:15 – 10:30	Perspectives from the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the European Union <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sari Turunen-Zwinger, Acting Head of Unit, Internationalisation Services for VET, Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI)
10:30 – 10:45	The European Alliance for Apprenticeships: updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norbert Schöbel, Team Leader, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
10:45 – 11:00	The European Apprentices Network: message from the Learners
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Panel : Engagement of SMEs in WBL: expectations from stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matilda Naco, Executive Director, Albanian Tourism Association, Albania Siniša Kojić, Director, Secondary vocational school Kragujevac, Serbia Zoran Jovceviski, Advisor, Vocational and education Center "Goce Delcev", North Macedonia Ayfer Aydoğdu, Quality and Technical Training Specialist, Turktraktor, Turkey Ksenija Djukanović, Senior Advisor, Chamber of Economy, Montenegro <i>Q/A session – Feedback from EAfA members</i>
12:30 – 12:50	WBL in Republic of North Macedonia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nazihtere Sulejmani, State Advisor, Ministry of Education and Science Lepa Trpchevska, Head of Department, VET Centre
12:50 – 12:55	Being “young” in North Macedonia Presentation by young apprentices

12:55 – 13:00	Introduction to Site visits
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
Afternoon Session	
14:00 – 14:30	Transfer to different sites
14:30 – 16:30	Site visits Group A: Auto transporting VET School - Boro Petrushevski Group B: EVN & Electro technical VET School - Mihajlo Pupinà Group C: Catering and hospitality VET school - Lazar Tanev, Hotel Marriott
16:30 – 17:00	Transfer to the hotel
18:00 – 19 :30	City Tour
19:30 – 21:30	Dinner <i>Restaurant La Terazza, City Square Macedonia, Skopje 1000</i>

Day Two: 26 September 2019

Morning Session

Chair: Norbert Schöbel, Team Leader, European Commission

09:00 – 09:20	Feedback from site visits: 3 key issues as source of inspiration
09:20 – 09:30	Work-based learning in the economic reform agendas of the Candidate Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christiane Westphal, Policy Officer, International Issues Unit of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
09:30 – 11:00	How to improve the engagement of SMEs in WBL? Break out groups with introductory contribution from EAfA Members: Northern Regional College (Ireland), Albanian Skills (Albania), Intern Europe Ltd. (UK), EPAS OAED Serres (Greece), Innovation Center for Professional Training Aragón (Spain), Metropolitan City of Rome (Italy), Ecological Foundation Green (Romania), Kolona Vlore (Albania), ESB Networks (Ireland). <i>Coffee Break during the working groups</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Feedback from break out groups
11:30 – 12:30	Apprenticeships in the Candidate Countries: Recent developments and actions for 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Branko Aleksoski, Advisor, VET Center, Republic North Macedonia
12:30 – 12:35	Welcoming New Members in the EAfA
12:35 – 13:00	Conclusions and closing of the seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dana Biskoska, Head of Department for Secondary Education, Ministry of Education and Science, Republic of North Macedonia Nadica Kostoska, Deputy Head of Department for European, Ministry of Education and Science, Republic of North Macedonia Didier Gelibert, Specialist of Private Sector Engagement in VET, ETF Norbert Schöbel, Team Leader, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Transfer to the airport according to the travel schedules