

Employment and Social Affairs Platform

Peer Review Workshop on Internship Programmes

26 – 27 November 2018, Skopje

Introduction

Under the regional Employment and Social Affairs Platform (ESAP) project, the Regional Cooperation Council is working with the Western Balkan economies in the implementation of peer reviews on selected priority employment policies or measures. Peer reviews aim to facilitate learning, discussion and capacity building on policy development and implementation. In this regard, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will host a regional peer review workshop on internship programmes.

The aim of the peer review workshop on internship programmes is for participating experts and officials to exchange views on their national experiences with the design, implementation and monitoring of internship programmes, jointly discuss strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to current implementation modalities of such programmes and identify good practices and transferable lessons that will feed into potential follow up activities at the national or regional level. Expert analysis on the internship programmes for all 6 Western Balkan economies with a focus on the case of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will be presented to the participants.

The profile of the participants will be that of officials of Ministries of Labour in charge of the development and monitoring of active labour market policies and if available more specifically internship programmes as well as representatives of Public Employment Services in charge of such programmes.

Draft AGENDA

25 November 2018

Arrival of participants

26 November 2018

Hotel Aleksandar Palace, Skopje

09.00-09:30 *Registration of participants*

09:30-10.00 **Opening Session**

Ms. Mila Carovska, Minister of Labour and Social Policy

Ms. Biljana Jovanovska, Director of Employment Service Agency

Mr. Nand Shani, Team Leader, Employment and Social Affairs Platform, RCC

10.00-11.15 **Internship Programmes – the case of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

Moderator: Mr. Nand Shani, Team Leader, Employment and Social Affairs Platform, RCC

New Law on Internships, Mrs. Mirjanka Aleksevaska, Head of Labor Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

An Overview of the Implementation of Internship Programmes, Mrs. Vesna Milchevska, Employment Service Agency

Presentation by direct beneficiaries of the programme, Little Me International Pre-school

Key strengths, lessons learned and good practices of the internship programme, Mr. Visar Ademi, expert

Questions & Answers / Discussion

11.15-11.45 *Coffee break*

11.45-13.00 **Internship in Western Balkan economies**

Moderator: Mr. Visar Ademi, expert

Presentation by Western Balkan government representatives

Questions and Answers

13.00-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-15.00 **Experiences from the EU**

Moderator: Mr. Visar Ademi, expert

Quality Framework for Traineeships in the EU, Ms. Pirkko Pyörälä, DG Employment (via videolink)

Financing work-based learning - lessons learned from apprenticeship, Mr. Stefan Thomas, VET Specialist, ETF

'Traineeship First' Programme in Brussels Capital Region, Mr. Sven Schayes, International Relations Officer, Public Employment Office, Actiris, Brussels

Questions and Answers

15.00-16.30 **Group discussion: Joint SWOT analysis of internship programmes**

Presentation

16:30-16:45 **Summary of Internship Programmes in the Western Balkan economies: good practices, transferable lessons, key messages and recommendations**

Presentation by independent expert, Mr. Visar Ademi

19:00 **Joint dinner**

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09:00-12.00 **Youth Guarantee in The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – key features and preliminary results**

Moderator: Mr. Nand Shani, ESAP Team Leader

Mr. Mladen Frckovski, Advisor for creation and implementation of active labor market policies, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

Mrs. Biljana Zivkovska, Head of unit for public relations, communication and international cooperation, Employment Service Agency



Mrs. Pavlina Kostovska Grujoska, Advisor for employment support services,
Employment Service Agency

Questions and Answers

12.00-12.30 Summary and Conclusions

12.30-14.00 *Lunch*

Departure of participants