

ERI SEE

EDUCATION REFORM INITIATIVE
OF SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE



ERI SEE Leaflet

ERI SEE in a nutshell



About ERI SEE

The Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe (ERI SEE) is a regional platform for cooperation in the field of education and training. It supports national reforms in education and training through regional capacity building, transfer of know-how and linking these efforts to European frameworks for education development (the EU Work Programme 'Education and Training 2010', the Bologna and the Copenhagen Processes). ERI SEE also addresses more global developments in education and training (the World Declaration on Education for All and the Dakar Framework for Action, as well as the education objectives of the Millennium Development Goals). Promoting cooperation between the education and research sectors in South Eastern Europe (SEE) is a priority as well.

ERI SEE is based on a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Ministers of Education, Science and Research of South Eastern Europe. Its institutional structure consists of a Governing Board, a Consultative Body and a Secretariat (Agency). Currently, members of the ERI SEE Governing Board are the signatory Ministries

of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, UNMIK/Kosovo, Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Romania, as well as of Austria as Co-Chair of the Task Force Fostering and Building Human Capital (TFBHC) of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC).

Institutional partners like the Council of Europe, European Training Foundation, European University Association, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), as well as donor countries: Austria, The Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland are represented in the ERI SEE Consultative Body.

The ERI SEE Agency is responsible for implementation of the work programs adopted by the Governing Board. The Agency is located in Zagreb, Croatia.

Initiated by the Task Force Education and Youth (TFEY) of the Stability Pact, ERI SEE was established in 2004. In line with the evolution of the Stability Pact into the RCC as a regionally owned, streamlined and effective regional cooperation framework of SEE, the establishment of a Task Force 'Fostering and Building Human Capital' (TFBHC) of the RCC was endorsed in 2007. The TFBHC is successor of the TFEY.

Mission Statement

Education and training are crucial in promoting knowledge based, competitive and socially cohesive societies in Europe, and play an important role in responding to the chances and challenges of globalisation. They are therefore a key to sustainable development and prosperity, in particular for South Eastern Europe.

ERI SEE supports sustainable education reforms through regional cooperation. It aims at fostering shared European standards in education and training for a rapid integration of its member countries into a wider European area of education, thus contributing to the success and sustainability of the EU integration process.

How ERI SEE Works

ERI SEE takes into account both country-specific needs and demands in education reforms, as well as present trends in the development of the envisaged European Area of Education, as outlined in the EU 'Detailed Work Programme on the Follow-up of the Objectives of Education and Training Systems in Europe', the 'Bologna Process' and the 'Copenhagen Process'.

ERI SEE seeks synergies between education and research through information exchange and cooperation in line with the priority 'Building Human Capital' of the Regional Cooperation Council.

ERI SEE objectives are:

- to continue the support of national education reform efforts in SEE in the perspective of the process of EU integration and the more global developments in education and training;
- to actively promote regional cooperation at system, expert and civil society level through capacity building and know-how transfer;
- to facilitate information exchange and cooperation between the education and the research sector in SEE;
- to support national activities of its members related to the priorities of the 'Detailed Work Programme on the Follow-up of the Objectives of Education and Training Systems in Europe' (Education & Training 2010) and follow-ups, the Copenhagen Declaration and follow-up communiqués (Copenhagen process) and the Bologna Declaration and the follow-up communiqués (Bologna process).

The institutional structure of ERI SEE consists of a Governing Board, a Consultative Body and a Secretariat (Agency). Members of the Governing Board are the representatives of the signatory Ministries and Austria as Co-Chair of the TFBHC.

The members of the Governing Board meet twice a year and are responsible for developing the general policy of the Initiative, its' overall strategies and for adopting the ERI SEE work programmes and reports.

The Governing Board is supported by the ERI SEE Consultative Body, a body with an advisory role where the partner institutions of ERI SEE hold a seat, as well as the donors of the Initiative.

The ERI SEE Agency is responsible for implementation of the work programmes which are result of decisions taken by the Governing Board in cooperation with the Consultative Body, upon proposals made by both the Governing Board members and the Executive Director of the Agency.

The work programmes are implemented through instruments like workshops, thematic seminars and trainings, study visits and twinning of institutions.

ERI SEE partnership

Institutional partners

Council of Europe (CoE)

European Training Foundation (ETF)

European University Association (EUA)

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Task Force Fostering and Building Human Capital of the Regional Cooperation Council / Task Force Education and Youth of the Stability Pact by 2008

Regional Cooperation Council / Stability Pact by 2008

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Donor countries and institutions

Austria	KulturKontakt Austria Federal Ministry of Education, the Arts and Culture
The Netherlands	CROSS/EVD on behalf of the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Science
Norway (structural costs exempt from the year 2008)	Royal Ministry of Education and Research Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Switzerland	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
Croatia	Ministry of Science, Education and Sports

Members

Albania	Ministry of Education and Science
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ministry of Civil Affairs
Bulgaria	Ministry of Education and Science
Croatia	Ministry of Science, Education and Sports
UNMIK/Kosovo	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Montenegro	Ministry of Education and Science
Moldova	Ministry of Education and Youth
Republic of Macedonia	Ministry of Education and Science
Romania	Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation
Serbia	Ministry of Education and Sports

ERI SEE in 2007

Thematic Areas

- Lifelong Learning;
- European Qualification Framework and national qualifications frameworks in SEE;
- Quality Education and Equity in Education;
- The 'Knowledge Triangle' – education, research and innovation.

Activities performed

Lifelong Learning

- Regional seminar on Project Cycle Management.

European Qualification Framework and national qualifications frameworks in SEE

- Briefing of high level officials from SEE on the developments at European and national level.
- Special ERI SEE session in framework of the Romanian Conference 'Education and Training: Social and Economic Benefits within a Lifelong Learning Perspective'.
- Upon invitation, participation to the Regional conference on qualification frameworks in the EHEA. Organisers: Serbia and the Council of Europe.

Quality Education and Equity in Education

- Regional expert seminar on national and international assessments in education.
- International conference 'Education Policies for Inclusion in SEE: Challenges and Opportunities' (co-organised by the OECD, the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture of Austria and the TFEY).
- Regional seminar 'Equity in Education – a Challenge for SEE'.

The 'Knowledge Triangle' – education, research and innovation

- Regional round table on accreditation in higher education in SEE.

- Regional seminar 'The Bologna Process after London: the Challenges for Implementation'.
- Dubrovnik Conference 'Addressing Questions of Institutional Reforms in Creating the EHEA – co-organiser.
- Regional conference 'Sustainable Development – the Role of Education and Training' – co-organiser.

Reviews of the ERI SEE impact at national level



Working atmosphere...
ERI SEE Workshop *Use of Logical Framework Approach – an Important Tool for Successful Participation in the Community Programmes in the Field of Education and Training*, Belgrade, Serbia, 2007

ERI SEE in 2008

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Activities performed

Lifelong Learning

- Regional seminar on Project Cycle Management.
- First networking conference of the national VET agencies and institutions of SEE.

European Qualification Framework and national qualifications frameworks in SEE

- Briefing of high level officials from SEE on the developments at European and national level.

Quality Education and Equity in Education

- Regional seminar on Matura exams.
- Study visit to Croatia on the ICT supported quality assurance information system.
- Dissemination of the results of the EU funded project 'MHADIE'.
- Co-organisation of the fourth EDC/HRE networking conference on education for democratic citizenship and intercultural dialogue.
- Internet forum on quality assurance.

The 'Knowledge Triangle' – education, research and innovation

- Internet forum on the Bologna Process.
- Enabling participation of non-members from SEE to the meeting of the General Assembly of the CEE Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education.
- Side by side meeting on strengthening the regional cooperation of SEE bodies of quality assurance with the meeting of the CEEN network.

Relevant information on the thematic areas provided on the ERI SEE website www.erisee.org



11th Meeting of Senior Officials from the ERI SEE region *Building Human Capital and Promoting Diversity through Dialogue, Creativity and Innovation*, Zagreb, Croatia, 2008

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Activities planned

Lifelong Learning

- Regional seminar on preparation of Terms of Reference for projects in the area of education and training (IPA and ENCPI in the focus).
- Meeting of the SEE VET network 'Quality of Education in the Context of Lifelong Learning and its Role in the Development of National Qualifications Frameworks'.
- Internet forum on lifelong learning.

European Qualification Framework and national qualifications frameworks in SEE

- Briefing of high level officials from SEE on the developments at European and national level.
- Development of a project concept on sectoral qualifications in tourism (IVET, CVET, HE).

Quality Education and Equity in Education

- Regional seminar on teacher training for inclusive education/teacher training for diversity.
- Regional seminar 'Assessment and Evaluation in SEE Versus Future Challenges'.
- Internet forum on assessment and evaluation.
- Internet forum on quality assurance in education.

The 'Knowledge Triangle' – education, research and innovation

- Participation to the Conference on Building Human Capital (Bucharest, Romania, 6-7 March 2009).
- Regional seminar 'The role of Teacher Education and the Pre-university Sector in Building Human Capital by Fostering Creativity and Innovation'.

- Internet forum on the Bologna Process.
- Peer-learning placements among SEE bodies of quality assurance in higher education.

Advanced training on e-moderation of the moderators of ERI SEE forums.

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