

**WESTERN BALKANS ALLIANCE FOR WORK-BASED LEARNING:**

***The future of VET in the Western Balkan region***

10th and 11th July 2018

Vienna

Venue: tbc

**Goals of the meeting:**

- Exploring the future of VET in the Western Balkan region, having in mind the conclusions of the EU Presidency Conference “The Future of VET”
- Continuing cooperation between the education and business sector in the field of VET
- Presentation of the testing version of the regional on-line platform on Work-based Learning (WBL)
- Further development of joint activities in the WB region – definition of occupational standards to be developed at regional level, agreements on the next steps

**Participants:**

- Representatives of the VET Centres from the region, members of the SEEVET Net and Ministries responsible for VET
- Representatives of the Chambers of Commerce, members of the Western Balkans Chambers Investment Forum
- Representatives of institutions relevant for the region and WBL: European Training Foundation, Regional Cooperation Council, European Alliance for Apprenticeship

**10<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<p>Opening speech and welcome addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KulturKontakt Austria, Mr Gerhard Kowar</li> <li>- Education Reform Initiative of SEE, Tina Šarić,</li> <li>- Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research, Mr Jürgen Schick</li> <li>- Austrian Ministry of Digitalisation and Economy, Mr Alexander Hölbl, TBC</li> <li>- Austrian Economic Chamber, Ms Melina Schneider</li> <li>- Chambers Investment Forum (CIF) Secretariat, Ms Danica Milovanovic, TBC</li> </ul>
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<p>Panel Discussion: The Future of VET in Europe – Trends and Challenges in the Western Balkans Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Mr Jürgen Horschinegg (TBC)</li> <li>- European Training Foundation (ETF), (TBC)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Ms Vanja Ivošević (TBC)</li> <li>- Chambers Investment Forum (CIF), (TBC)</li> <li>- South East Europe Vocational Education and Training Network (SEEVET Net), Mr Gojko Banović</li> <li>- European Alliance for Apprentices (EAfA) Mr Norbert Schoebl, (TBC)</li> </ul> <p>Facilitation: Tina Šarić, Director, ERI SEE</p>
<b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	Questions and answers, Conclusions
<b>11th July</b>	
<b>9:00– 9:45</b>	<p>Presentation of the On-line Regional Platform for Work-based Learning (WBA 4 WBL), Tina Šarić, ERI SEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of the Platform</li> <li>- Maintenance and communication mechanisms</li> <li>- Promotion mechanisms</li> </ul>
<b>9:45 – 10:45</b>	<p>Division in workgroups:</p> <p>Identification of occupational standards within priority sectors to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Modernized/Updated</li> <li>- Merged</li> </ul>
<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	Coffee break
<b>11:15– 12:00</b>	Presentation of working group results and agreement on the occupations to be dealt with at regional level
<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Definition of next steps</li> <li>- Conclusions</li> </ul>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	Lunch