



Dialogue on Regional Mobility of Professionals in CEFTA

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- **The tools for achieving greater professional mobility in the CEFTA region**



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What are the academic and professional recognition mechanisms in promoting international mobility of professionals alongside market access commitments?

- Kosovo has the youngest population in Europe
- Unemployment rate is above 40%
- Last ten years the inclusion in HE extremely increased
- University of Prishtina is one of the first HEI in Europe that introduced Bologna reforms in HE in 2001
- The goal to establish a European Higher Education Area which increases transparency and facilitates the recognition of degrees and academic qualifications, mobility, and exchanges between institutions.
- As a result of implementation of these reforms in higher education in Kosovo today all institutions of higher education implement the ECTS credit system, curriculum reform, three cycle degree system, student and staff mobility, diploma supplement and quality assurance system.
- Kosovo has not yet ratified the Lisbon convention for recognition of Higher education qualification (The Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region), 1997 (ETS No. 165)

NARIC office in MEST is responsible for recognition of academic qualification

Serve as the main information point on the recognition of higher education and higher education access qualifications at national level;

- National Council for Recognition
- Professional committees for the study disciplines

NARIC Kosovo has very good cooperation with members of ENIC NARIC network, but is not yet member

Legal basis in Law on Higher education(Law No. 04/L-037

Regional mobility of graduates (Albania, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro) and international

EU Acquis Communautaire

- Kosovo is not yet candidate member for EU
- In 2010 Kosovo and EU started Stabilization and Association Process Dialogue
- European Integration and Policy Coordination Department at Ministry of Trade and Industry provides support to the harmonization of legislation of the Ministry with the Acquis communautaire;

- Mobility of workers from other CEFTA Parties?
- LAW ON LABOUR Law No.03/L –212

Article 9 regulates the Employment of Foreigners

Department of Trade at Ministry of Trade and Industry has set Committees to implement CEFTA agreement and to adjust legal provision

Professional recognition of the regulated professions (EU Directives);

- The legislation for the Regulated professions and their recognition is not yet in place but it is initiated
- EU directives are well known to the professionals
- There are several professional bodies that developed standards for certain professions

SKAK for Accountants, association of Kosovo Architects, Association of Civil Engineers, recently Association of Medical doctors of Kosovo was established

Kosovo Accreditation Agency responsible for external evaluation of quality of HE programs requires from HE providers to develop study programs for qualifications in regulated professions according to EU Directive in order to make them comparable and acceptable to the EU countries for the purpose of employment

The minimum training requirements for the 'sectoral' professions (doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, midwives, veterinary surgeons and architects) in HEI in Kosovo has to be regulated according to EU directives

- Number of Architects, Nurses, Midwives, Medical doctors, **Lawyers,**
Pharmacists

- A big number of young Kosovars with HE diplomas aspire to work in other countries, region or EU countries
- Problems with recognition process in other countries, length of studies, number of practical work, quality of studies
- No automatic recognition, additional training required in most cases
- Mutual trust ???

- **MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENTS**

should be a good opportunity for mobility of qualified professionals

Numer of MRA with CEFTA partners???

Thank you for your attention!

