

Support to strengthening the higher education system in Azerbaijan



Twinning project AZ/14/ENI/OT/01/17 (AZ/49)

Mission Report

Short-Term Mission on Activity 1.4 Develop methodology to transform labour market data into programme specific education requirements

(October 8 – 12, 2018)

1. Name and Function of the Expert:

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2. Objective and Tasks of the Mission:

The mission is carried out within the framework of:

COMPONENT 1: SELECTED NATIONAL EDUCATION STANDARDS ARE ALIGNED TO INCLUDE A COMPETENCE-BASED FOCUS

Activity 1.4. Develop methodology to transform labour market data into programme specific education requirements

Benchmarks for this activity are:

- Minutes of working sessions on methodology on transforming labour market intelligence into discipline specific education requirements;
- A concept and methodology for transforming labour market intelligence into discipline specific education requirements developed

3. Time schedule of mission:

Date and Time	Activity
Monday 8 October 2018	<p>10:00-12:30 The STEs discuss the agenda of the mission week with the Twinning office.</p> <p>14:00-16:30 Deskwork</p>
Tuesday 9 October 2018	<p>10:00 – 12:30 Workshop in Baku State University (BSU) for heads of 5 study programmes in natural sciences (Biology, Computer Science, Ecology, Geography and Physics). French, Lithuanian and Latvian cases.</p> <p>Stakeholders: Relevant academic staff from BSU, Azerbaijan Technical University, Azerbaijan Oil and Industry University and Sumgait State University. <i>See the Annex I for the list of participants.</i></p> <p>15:00:17:00 Workshop in Azerbaijan Oil and Industry University (ASOIU) for the members of national working group on Technical and Technological Sciences (Chemical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Energy Engineering, Information Technologies, Oil and Gas Engineering), members of academic staff of relevant universities. French, Lithuanian and Latvian cases.</p> <p>Stakeholders: Relevant academic staff from ASOIU, Azerbaijan Technical University (AzTU), Sumgait State University (SSU) <i>See the Annex I for the list of participants.</i></p>
Wednesday 10 October 2018	<p>10:00-12:30 Workshop in Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University (ASPU) for members of the national working group on educational sciences (Chemistry/Physics Teacher, Foreign Language Teacher, Math Teacher, and Primary School Teacher) to look at the example of study programmes. French, Lithuanian and Latvian cases.</p> <p>Stakeholders: Relevant academic staff from ASPU, AzTU, SSU <i>See the Annex I for the list of participants.</i></p> <p>14:00-17:00 Deskwork</p>
Thursday 11 October 2018	<p>11:30-12:00 Meeting with top management of Ganja State University (GSU) Stakeholders: Ms. Parvin Karimzade, Vice Rector for Science and Innovations Mr. Asif Javadov, Chief Advisor to Rector</p> <p>12:00-13:30</p>

	<p>Workshop in GSU for members of academic staff from programmes in Natural Sciences, Education Sciences and Engineering Sciences</p> <p>Stakeholders: <i>See the Annex I for the list of participants.</i></p> <p>16:00-17:00 Meeting with the top management of Azerbaijan State Agriculture University</p> <p>Stakeholders: Mr. Ibrahim Jafarov, Rector Mr. Anar Hatamov, Vice Rector for Education</p>
Friday 12 October 2018	<p>10:00-13:00 Report writing</p> <p>15:30-16:30 Meeting with Mr. Yaqub Piriyeu, Head of the Science, Higher and Secondary Professional Education Department, Ministry of Education</p>

4. Mission report:

The objective of this mission was aimed at drafting the **methodology/guidelines regarding the use of labour market intelligence by the higher education institutions in Azerbaijan. Those are provided in Annex 2 of the present report.**

Annex 3 provides examples how Latvian universities demonstrate the compliance of the curricula with occupational and educational standards (for teachers` programme).

We would like to thank the Ministry and universities for their contribution by sharing their practices and experiences in order to improve the current system.

Annexes:

Annex 1 – List of participants of the workshops;

Annex 2 – Methodology for use of labour market intelligence by HEIs

Annex 3 - Examples of study programme compliance with occupational and educational standards in Latvia