

ERI SEE

EDUCATION REFORM INITIATIVE OF SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

“Development from Within”



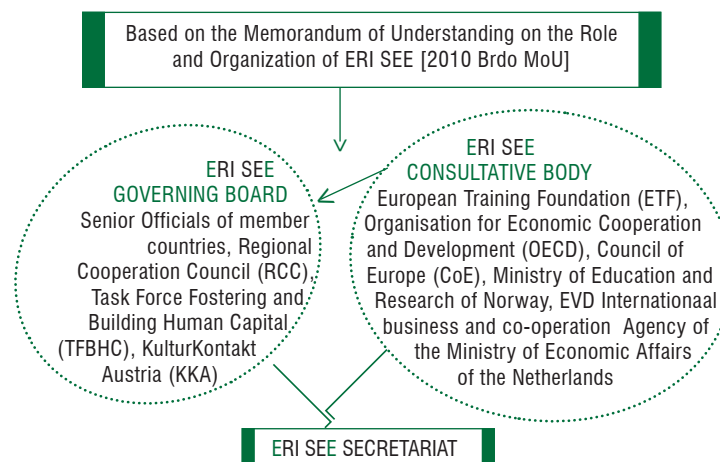
also participating: Kosovo*, Bulgaria, Romania

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 2020’, the Bologna and the Copenhagen Processes, the EU Strategy for the Danube Region). 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).

Initiated by the SEE ministers responsible for education and the Task Force Education and Youth (TFEY) of the Stability Pact, ERI SEE was established in 2004. In order to enhance ERI SEE contribution to build the SEE knowledge society and to secure a larger basis for sustainable regional structure, ERI SEE was established as an international organization based on the “Memorandum of Understanding on the Role and Organization of the Education Reform Initiative of the South East Europe (ERI SEE)”, signed by SEE ministers responsible for education and science at Brdo, Slovenia, in 2010.

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Donors:

- Member countries
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- KulturKontakt Austria (KKA)
- EVD Internationaal business and co-operation Agency of the Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands

More information about the ERI SEE is available at: www.erisee.org

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Steps towards the regional projects CLUSTERS OF KNOWLEDGE

ERI SEE established, in cooperation with the TFBHC, three clusters of knowledge in the field of (1) Vocational Education and Training lead by Romania; (2) National Qualifications Frameworks lead by Croatia and (3) Evidence-Based Policy Making lead by Serbia.

The cluster **Modernizing the VET system – improving performance, quality and attractiveness of VET** aims to support the regional cooperation in VET in accordance with the diversified needs of the countries for mutual learning, regional exchange of experience and good practice and for encompassing the specific phases of national reforms in VET.

The cluster **Evidence Based Policy Making in Education** aims to advance the mechanisms of regional cooperation in the fields conducive to the achievement of the following objectives: enhanced communication and co-operation between the research community and policy-makers; the identification of mechanisms for a better utilization of research findings by decision-makers; advanced research practice in education policy creation; mapping and launch of analyses relevant for education policy development; a more efficient utilization of EU mechanisms and funds for enhancing evidence-based policy making in education.

The cluster **Development of National Qualifications Frameworks** aims to support the international cooperation focused at several specific segments of NQF’s development: cooperation on self-certification process, comparability of qualifications and recognition of prior learning - RPL.

ROAD MAP TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF ERI SEE PRIORITY THEMES

ERI SEE Thematic Areas

- Lifelong Learning
- Qualifications Frameworks
- Quality and Equity in Education
- The 'knowledge triangle' –
– Education, Research and Innovation

More than **2000** participants from SEE and EU countries (policy makers, experts, researchers, practitioners, representatives of international organisations etc.)

15 International Conferences

10 Study visits aiming at peer learning

15 International workshops

30 Regional thematic seminars

2005

1st **International Workshop** Participation to the Community programmes in the fields of education and training, Romania
2nd **International Workshop** Participation to the Community programmes in the fields of education and training, Bulgaria
Thematic Seminar The Bologna Process after Bergen, Romania
Thematic Seminar Investing efficiently in education, Macedonia
ICT Seminar in education, Croatia

- **Regional Seminar** Use of Logical Framework Approach, Serbia
- **Regional Seminar** on adjusting VET towards labour markets needs, Montenegro
- **International Conference** Education and Training: social and economic benefits within a lifelong perspective, Romania
- **Regional Conference** on Qualification Frameworks in the EHEA, Serbia
- **Regional Seminar** on national and international assessments in education, Montenegro
- **International Conference** Education Policies for Inclusion in SEE, Austria
- **Regional Seminar** Equity in Education, Kosovo*
- **Regional Round Table** Accreditation in Higher Education in SEE, Croatia
- **Regional Seminar** The Bologna Process after London, Croatia
- **Regional Conference** Addressing Questions of Institutional Reforms in Creating the EHEA, Croatia
- **Regional Conference** Sustainable Development – the Role of Education and Training, Montenegro

2006

3rd **International Workshop** Participation to the Community programmes in the fields of education and training, Romania
1st **Study Visit** to a national agency lead to the Romanian National Agency for Community programmes
2nd **Study Visit** to a national agency lead to the Slovenian Centre for Mobility in European Programmes in the Field of Education and Training
3rd **Study Visit** to the Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education
4th **International Workshop** Use of Logical Framework Approach, Serbia

Thematic Seminar The importance of inspection in a decentralized education system, the Netherlands
Thematic Seminar Promoting ICT for teaching and learning, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Thematic Seminar Assessment and Evaluation, Croatia
Thematic Seminar Quality Assurance – Trends and Perspectives in Vocational Education and Training and Higher Education, Moldova

2008

- **Regional Seminar** Use of Project Cycle Management, Serbia
- 1st **Networking Conference** of SEE VET Institutions, Albania
- **Study Visit** Use of Information and Communication Technologies in the QA Processes of HEI and Study Programmes”, Croatia
- 4th **Regional EDC Networking Conference** for SEE Teacher Training and Intercultural Dialogue, Croatia
- **Regional Seminar** on Matura exams, Bulgaria
- SEE Meeting on **regional cooperation** in the field of quality assurance in higher education, Albania

2009

- **Thematic Seminar** Writing of Project Proposals, Croatia
- 2nd **meeting** of SEE VET institutions, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Thematic Seminar** Teacher training for inclusive education in countries with diverse social and cultural contexts, Croatia
- **Thematic Seminar** Assessment and Evaluation in SEE Versus Future Challenges, Croatia
- **Peer learning and networking visit** of SEE experts to the Public Accreditation Agency for Higher Education of Albania
- **Regional Seminar** Evidence Based Policy Making, Austria
- **Regional Conference** on Higher Education, Bosnia and Herzegovina

2010

- Transformation of ERI SEE into an international organization - Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Role and Organization of the Education Reform Initiative of the South East Europe (ERI SEE), in Brdo, Slovenia
- 3rd **meeting** of the South Eastern Europe Regional VET Network (SEEVET-Net) and peer-learning visit to the Netherlands

2011

- 4th **Meeting of the South Eastern Europe Regional VET Network (SEEVET-Net)**, Moldova – Signing of the Cooperation Agreement between VET Centres in SEE and establishment of the South Eastern Europe Regional VET Network (SEEVET-Net)
- **Networking visit** of SEE QA experts to the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education and the Bologna Secretariat
- **Regional conference** Policy development and monitoring for quality and equity in education, Serbia
- Establishment of three Joint TFBHC and ERI SEE clusters of knowledge:
 - Modernizing VET system – improving performance, quality and attractiveness of VET (Romania)
 - Evidence Based Policy Making in Education (Serbia)
 - Development of National Qualifications Frameworks (Croatia)

2012

- Joint TFBHC and ERI SEE clusters of knowledge
- **SEEVET-Net** Work Programme for 2012 and its activities
- SEE Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agencies **Mobility Programme**
- **Regional conference** on teaching development in relation to the standardized assessment in pre-tertiary education
- Complementary activities to the **Western Balkans Platform on Education and Training**

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