

## **Workshop ‘Sustaining the VocTest Centres’**

**Antalya, 29 – 30 April 2013**

**Venue: Crowne Plaza hotel**

### **AGENDA**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Authorised Certification Bodies / VocTest Centres are an essential element in the qualifications systems reforms in Turkey. The main function of the VocTest centre is to assess candidates against national vocational qualifications in order to certify them. Authorised Certification Bodies / VocTest Centres are therefore central to the success of the National Vocational Qualifications System.

VocTest Centres are private entities, representing the voice of practice and are linked in with economic sectors. They need to be representative for their sector and closely linked with companies. They need to have a clear purpose for the sector in the quality assurance, certification and upgrading of the staff. They can only operate when they have standards for assessment, when they have procedures for their operations, when they have competent staff and meet formal requirements for accreditation and authorisation. In line with Law 5544 of 2006 and the decree law 665 of 2011, VocTest Centers need to be accredited by Trkak and authorised. Last year the first VocTest Centre started operating, and we now can start to exchange experiences among VocTest Centres, although few have already past accreditation and authorisation so far.

This seminar coincides with the last months of the grant scheme. Building on the results of last year’s seminar and the experience of the VocTest Centres, we want to use this workshop in order to discuss how we can sustain the first VocTest Centres, how we can more effectively support the development of additional VocTest centres, and how we can establish a network of VocTest Centres that is able to provide effective mutual support.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To discuss the progress related to the Operational Manual
- To review the experience so far, to share good practices, identify and address bottlenecks
- To review the experience with accreditation and authorization procedures
- To learn from VocTest Centres operational issues and discuss possible sustainable business models
- To explore opportunities for mutual support among VocTest Centres
- To support and grow the VocTest Centres network

**Monday, 29 April 2013**

09.00 – 09.30	Registration of participants
09.30 – 10.00	Welcome and introduction <i>Virve Vimpari, Mustafa Balci, Delegation of the European Union to Turkey</i> <i>Rosita Van Meel, ETF</i>
10.00 – 10.45	Presentation of the accreditation procedures <i>Dođan Yildiz, TÜRKAK</i>
<b>10.45 – 11.15</b>	<b>Tea / coffee break</b>
11.15 – 12.00	Presentation of the Operational Manual <i>Donald Paterson, UYEP project</i>
12.00 - 12.45	Plenary discussion <i>Facilitators: Arjen Deij, Rosita Van Meel ETF</i>
<b>12.45 – 14.15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
14.15 – 15.15	Experiences from VocTest Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Şahin Serim, HAK-İŞ</i></li> <li>• <i>Hüseyin Onbaşıođlu, IZODER</i></li> </ul>
<b>15.15 – 15.45</b>	<b>Tea / coffee break</b>
15.45 – 17.30	Two parallel working groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working Group 1: Internal quality assurance processes</li> <li>- Working Group 2: Conditions for growing a VocTest Centre</li> </ul> <i>Facilitators and rapporteurs tbc</i>
<b>19.30</b>	<b>Official dinner at Club Arma, Kaleiçi Yat Limanı İskele Cd. No:75, Antalya"</b> <b>Departure by bus from the hotel at h. 18:45.</b>

**Tuesday, 30 April 2013**

09.00 – 09.45	Feedback in plenary from the two working groups Discussion
09.45 - 11.15	Two parallel working groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Working Group 1: Building VocTest Centres networks</li><li>- Working Group 2: Sharing views on lessons learned</li></ul> <i>Facilitators and rapporteurs tbc</i>  <b>Tea / coffee will be made available in the meeting room</b>
11.15 – 12.00	Feedback in plenary from the two working groups
12.00 – 12.30	Final discussion on follow-up
12.30 – 13.00	Conclusions and closure <i>VQA, TÜRKAK, ETF, Delegation of the European Union to Turkey</i>
<b>13.00 – 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>