



SECTOR "EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY"

Sector Working Group Meeting on **DONOR COORDINATION**

Venue: Conference Hall, Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Ilindenska bb

Date: **1 March 2018 (Thursday), 10.00 h**

Working languages: English and Macedonian

BACKGROUND:

The Government of the Republic of Macedonia has set 2019 as a target for achieving a fully-fledged sector approach, which entails existence of a national sector policy, national leadership and institutional capacity, inclusive sector coordination among stakeholders, donors and development partners, sector budget and medium-term expenditure and performance monitoring framework.

The Sector Working Groups are the backbone of the framework established by the Government to promote the Sector Approach in the national institutional system. 9 Sector Working Groups in 6 sectors were established, one of them being Education, Employment and Social Policy (EESP).

The Working Group for the Sector "Education, Employment and Social Policy" held its constitutive meeting on 4th of November 2015. The Sector Working Group is coordinated by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Ministry of Education and Science. It adopted its own rules of procedures, established a sector roadmap for achieving Sector Approach and has engaged in a dialogue with the EU in the context of IPA II programming.

OBJECTIVES:

The two leading ministries are committed to achieve a systemic sector change, which inter alia means a new dynamics of the Sector Working Group. The purpose of the Donor Coordination meeting is to:

- demonstrate a high-level political commitment to policy reforms and
- promote involvement of the national stakeholders, donors and development partners for quality policy dialogue in the EESP sector.

More specifically, the meeting will help to:

- identify gaps and opportunities for investment in the sector reforms.
- better understand donors' interventions in the EESP sector;

Participants are encouraged to circulate a paper on their on-going and planned projects beforehand.



PROGRAMME:

10.00 – 10.15 OPENING SESSION

Opening statements

- Mrs. Mila Carovska, Minister of Labour and Social Policy
- Mrs. Renata Deskoska, Minister of Education and Science
- Mr. Nicola Bertolini, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of European Union

10.15 – 11.30 SESSION I: SOCIAL POLICY AND EMPLOYMENT

10.15-10.45 Presentation by representatives of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy on key challenges, priorities and planned reforms

- Reforms of social protection system
- De-institutionalisation
- Labour and employment - youth guarantee, professional rehabilitation, green jobs, social entrepreneurship
- Gender equality and mainstreaming - coordination mechanism, sectoral policies and budgeting
- Early child development
- Access to justice - persons without ID and discrimination

10.45-11.30 Participants are invited to discuss the priorities and needed interventions as well as to inform about their current projects and future support. Expected 5 minutes per each speaker/donor's representative

Concluding remarks from the session

11.30-11.45 Coffee Break

11.45 – 13.00 SESSION II: EDUCATION

11.45-12:25 Presentation by representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science and relevant institutions on key challenges, priorities and planned reforms in the sector, focused on:

- Education strategy 2018-2025
- Reforms in the preschool, primary and secondary education
- Harmonisation of education with the labour market (NQF, vocational education, adult education)
- Inclusive education practices
- Assessments and quality assurance system

12:25-12:50 Participants are invited to discuss the priorities and needed interventions as well as to inform about their current projects and future support. Expected 5 minutes per each speaker/donor

Concluding remarks from the session



LIST OF INVITED ORGANISATIONS

Institutional Stakeholders	Donors and development partners	Civil Society Organizations
<p>Ministry of Labour and Social Policy</p> <p>Ministry of Education and Science</p> <p>Secretariat for European Affairs</p> <p>Cabinet of the DPM for Economic Affairs</p> <p>Ministry of Finance</p> <p>Ministry of Health</p> <p>Cabinet of the Minister without portfolio</p> <p>Employment Service Agency of the RM</p> <p>Institute for Social Activities</p> <p>State Statistical Office</p> <p>State Labour Inspectorate</p> <p>VET Center</p> <p>Centar for Adult Education</p> <p>Bureau for Development of Education</p> <p>State Examination Center</p> <p>Directorate for Promotion and Development of Education in the Languages of the Ethnic Communities</p> <p>State Education Inspectorate</p> <p>National Agency for European Educational Programmes and Mobility</p> <p>Faculty of Law</p>	<p>Delegation of European Union</p> <p>Swiss Embassy</p> <p>Embassy of Sweden</p> <p>UK Embassy</p> <p>USA Embassy</p> <p>Austrian Embassy</p> <p>GIZ</p> <p>OSCE</p> <p>World Bank</p> <p>ETF</p> <p>UN Country Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Nation Development Programme • UNICEF • UN Women • International Labour Organisation • IOM • UNHCR 	<p>IPA2 Mechanism</p> <p>Gender Equality Platform</p> <p>National Network to End Violence against Women and Domestic Violence</p> <p>Coalition Sexual and Health Rights of Marginalized Communities</p> <p>Macedonian Platform Against Poverty</p> <p>Macedonian Civic Education Centre</p> <p>Resource Center for Parents of Children with Special needs</p> <p>Foundation Open Society – Macedonia</p> <p>Progres Institute for Social Democracy</p> <p>Foundation for Education and Cultural Initiatives Step by step</p> <p>Nansen Dialogue Centre</p>