

Employment and Social Affairs Platform

Peer Review Workshop on Internship Programmes

26 – 27 November 2018, Skopje

Introduction

Under the regional Employment and Social Affairs Platform (ESAP) project, the Regional Cooperation Council is working with the Western Balkan economies in the implementation of peer reviews on selected priority employment policies or measures. Peer reviews aim to facilitate learning, discussion and capacity building on policy development and implementation. In this regard, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will host a regional peer review workshop on internship programmes.

The aim of the peer review workshop on internship programmes is for participating experts and officials to exchange views on their national experiences with the design, implementation and monitoring of internship programmes, jointly discuss strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to current implementation modalities of such programmes and identify good practices and transferable lessons that will feed into potential follow up activities at the national or regional level. Expert analysis on the internship programmes for all 6 Western Balkan economies with a focus on the case of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will be presented to the participants.

The profile of the participants will be that of officials of Ministries of Labour in charge of the development and monitoring of active labour market policies and if available more specifically internship programmes as well as representatives of Public Employment Services in charge of such programmes.

Draft AGENDA

25 November 2018

Arrival of participants

26 November 2018

Hotel Aleksandar Palace, Skopje

09.00-09:30 *Registration of participants*

09:30-10.00 **Opening Session**

Ms. Mila Carovska, Minister of Labour and Social Policy

Ms. Biljana Jovanovska, Director of Employment Service Agency

Mr. Nand Shani, Team Leader, Employment and Social Affairs Platform, RCC

10.00-11.15 **Internship Programmes – the case of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

Design and implementation of internship programmes – an overview by representatives of the host Ministry of Labour and Employment Agency, (tbc)

New Law on Internship, Mrs. Mirjanka Aleksevaska, Head of Labor Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

Presentation by direct beneficiaries of the programme (1 employer and 1 intern, tbc)

Key strengths, lessons learned and good practices from the programme. Presentation by the host economy expert, Mr. Visar Ademi

Questions & Answers / Discussion

11.15-11.45 *Coffee break*

11.45-13.00 **Internship in Western Balkan economies**

Presentation by Western Balkan government representatives

Questions and Answers

13.00-14.00 *Lunch*

