



Sector Competitiveness Project

**Improving Skills for the ICT sector in the
Western Balkans**

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3rd Meeting of the Human Capital Working Group

Agenda
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09:00-09:30 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Dražen Vikić-Topić, State Secretary, Ministry for Science, Education and Sport, Croatia

Mr. Alistair Nolan, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Mr. Vedran Mornar, Dean, Faculty for Electrical Engineering, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Mr. Jean-Marie Moreau, Head of Section, European Commission Delegation in Croatia

09:30-12:30 HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES

09:30 - 10:30 OVERVIEW OF HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE WESTERN BALKANS: PRESENTATION OF THE IRI 2009 FINDINGS

Mr. Alistair Nolan, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

DISCUSSION

10:30 - 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 11:15 THE CHALLENGES OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN THE ICT SECTOR

Mr. Nicolas Philipponnet, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

11:15 – 11:30 REACTIONS AND COMMENTS

11:30 – 12:30 REGIONAL INITIATIVES TO INCREASE SKILLS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Mladen Dragasevic, Regional Cooperation Council

Ivana Puljiz, Task Force Fostering and Building Human Capital

Peter Greenwood, European Training Foundation

Nenad Vakanjac, SEE - Center for Entrepreneurial Learning,

DISCUSSION

12:30- 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30-14:30 PRIVATE SECTOR NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS

SKILLS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE

Prof. Dr Diem Ho, Manager of University Relations, IBM.

ICT FOR EDUCATION – CASE STUDIES ON TWO PROJECTS IN CROATIA

Dr. Zvonimir Stanic, CEO, CARNET

REACTIONS AND COMMENTS

14:30-16:30 ENHANCING EMPLOYEES TRAINING

LESSONS FOR POLICY FROM THE OECD AND EU EXPERIENCE

Janez Dekleva, Director, Center for Employees training – Chamber of Commerce of Slovenia

TRAINING CENTERS - THE CROATIAN EXPERIENCE

Hrvoje Balen, Program Manager, Algebra, Croatia

OPEN DISCUSSION – CHALLENGES TO ADVANCING POLICY IN THE SEE REGION AND WAYS FORWARD?

16:00 - 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-17:45 DEVELOPING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

Dr. Ayse Collins, Bilkent University, Turkey

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

Cristina Ionescu, Program Manager, START Internship, Romania

OPEN DISCUSSION – WHY ARE INTERNSHIP SCHEMES SCARCE IN THE SEE REGION AND WHAT ARE THE MAIN BARRIERS TO THEIR EXPANSION?

17:45-18:15 CONCLUDING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS

17:45-18:00 ACTION PLANS AND NEXT STEPS: PRIORITIES AND FEASIBLE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE SECTOR COMPETITIVENESS PROJECT

Mr. Nicolas Philipponnet, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

18:00-18:15 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Vesna Hrvoj Sic, Director, Directorate for Secondary Education, Croatia

Alistair Nolan, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development