MAKING TRANSITIONS WORK

Final Conference of the OECD 14 Country Thematic Review of the Transition from Initial Education to Working Life

Co-organised by Hungary and the OECD
with the participation of the World Bank and the European Training Foundation

Budapest 21 - 23 May 2000

Agenda
Sunday 21 May (afternoon)

Chair: Mr. Gyula Pulay (State Secretary, Ministry of Social and Family Affairs, Hungary)

2:00 - 2:45 Welcome by Hungarian hosts, OECD, World Bank and European Training Foundation
Dr. László Komlósi (Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Education), Mr. Barry McGaw (Deputy Director for Education, OECD), Mr. Toby Linden (Knowledge Coordinator, World Bank) and Mr. Peter Grootings (Deputy Head of the Department of South East Europe, ETF)

2:45 - 3:30 Presentation of main outcomes from the Transition Review
Mrs. Marianne Durand-Drouhin and Mr. Richard Sweet (Principal Administrators, OECD)

3:30 - 4:00 Transition issues and policies in Eastern Europe
Mr. Gyula Pulay (State Secretary, Ministry of Social and Family Affairs, Hungary)

4:00 - 4:30 Coffee Break

4:30 - 5:30 Discussion

5:30 - 6:00 Introduction of the working group themes
Mrs. Marianne Durand-Drouhin and Mr. Richard Sweet (OECD)

7:30 Conference Reception at the Hotel Rege hosted by Dr. László Komlósi (Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Hungary)

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Common schedule for the working groups on Monday 22 May:

9:00 - 9:30 (14:30 - 15:00) Presentation of issues and international evidence
9:30 - 10:30 (15:00 - 16:00) Presentation of two country cases
10:30 - 11:00 (16:00 - 16:30) Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30 (16:30 - 18:00) Discussion
Monday 22 May: Working Groups

There will be four working groups on key features of successful transition systems as identified by the Thematic Review.

**Working Group I: Developing well organised education and training pathways**
(morning, French interpretation, Conference Room, Hotel Rege)

Chair: **Mr. Peter Grootings** (Deputy Head, Department South East Europe, ETF)
Expert: **Mr. David Raffe** (Professor, Centre for Educational Sociology, University of Edinburgh)
Switzerland: **Mr. Rudolf Natsch** (Vice-directeur, Office Fédéral de la Formation Professionelle et de la Technologie)
Czech Republic: **Mr. Miroslav Procházka** (Division Director, Institute for Information on Education)
Rapporteur: **Ms. Judit Lannert** (National Institute of Public Education, Hungary)

**Working Group II: Combining learning at school and at work**
(morning, English only, small Conference Room, Hotel Rege)

Chair: **Mr. Péter Soltész** (Director General, Department of International Programmes, Ministry of Education, Hungary)
Expert: **Ms. Cathy Stasz** (Senior Scientist, RAND, USA)
Germany: **Mr. Jochen Reuling** (Senior Researcher, Federal Institute for Vocational Training)
Slovenia: **Ms. Martina Trbanc** (Researcher, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana)
Rapporteur: **Mr. János Lógó** (Professor, Technical University of Budapest)

**Working Group III: Establishing tightly knit safety nets for young people at risk**
(afternoon, English only, small Conference Room, Hotel Rege)

Chair: **Mr. Marino Ostini** (Adjoint scientifique, Office Fédéral de l’Éducation et de la Science, Switzerland)
Expert: **Mr. Phillip McKenzie** (Principal Research Fellow, Australian Council for Educational Research)
Denmark: **Mr. Arne Bengt Thomsen** (Head of Division, Municipality of Horsens, Denmark)
Hungary: **Mr. Sándor Brassói** (Deputy Director General, Ministry of Education, Hungary)
Rapporteur: **Ms. Gabriella Béni** (Director, Ministry of Education, PHARE office)

**Working Group IV: Providing effective information and guidance**
(afternoon, French interpretation, Conference Room, Hotel Rege)

Chair: **Mr. Abrar Hasan** (Head of Division, OECD)
Expert: **Mr. Steffen Svendsen** (Head of Regional Department, Danish Institute for Educational Training of Vocational Teachers)
Austria: Team presentation
Poland: **Mr. Augustyn Banka** (Professor, Jagiellonian University, Poland)
Rapporteur: **Mr. István Kovács** (Director General, Ministry of Education)
**Tuesday 23 May (morning)**

Chair: *Mr. Barry McGaw* (OECD)

9:00 - 10:00 Reports from the Working Groups

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 11:30 Round Table: Making Transitions Work - Evaluating the Effectiveness of Policies

*Mr. Barry McGaw* (Chair)
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*Mr. Sten Ljungdahl*
Deputy Director General
Ministry of Education and Science
Sweden

11:30 - 12:30 Discussion

12:30 - 12:45 Summary and Conclusions of the Conference by the Chair

12:45 - 13:00 Farewell