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Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP)

Supporting young people to succeed – building capacities to better integrate non-formal and formal learning in Estonia

Kick-off meeting with national stakeholders

Date: 22 September 2021

Location: TTK University of Applied Sciences, Pärnu mnt 62, Tallinn (Room B306A)

AGENDA

Purpose of the kick-off meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to introduce national stakeholders to a project requested by the Ministry of Education and Research and funded through the EU Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP). The title of the project is **“Supporting young people to succeed – building capacities to better integrate non-formal and formal learning in Estonia”** and it will be implemented over next 22 months (starting in September 2021).

The expected outcomes of the project are as follows:

- The Estonian authorities are aware of policy options to achieve better integration of non-formal and formal learning, including legislation, funding schemes and modes of governance.
- The authorities have co-created and validated guidelines for the integration of formal and non-formal learning together with relevant stakeholders from formal and non-formal education and local governments.
- The authorities have a plan for the effective implementation of the reform.

The project will support these outcomes through a range of activities and deliverables, including analytical reports, events, an impact assessment of different policy options, co-creation and piloting of guidelines and recommendations on legislation, policy and implementation.

Stakeholder engagement and involvement will be sought across several deliverables and will be achieved through a consultative and co-creation process (e.g. the establishment of a Working Group with stakeholder organisations represented, interviews, focus groups and events). This will ensure that the recommendations and guidelines from this project reflect the needs and requirements of a wide range of stakeholders and are validated at the local and national level.

The project will be delivered by ICF, together with Praxis, Civitta, Tallinn University and small number of international experts.



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12:30 – 13:30 EEST	Networking lunch (optional)
13:30 – 13:45 EEST	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Welcome to participants by the Ministry of Education and Research and the European Commission<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Liina PÕLD, Ministry of Education and Research– Thomas PRITZKOW, European Commission, DG REFORM <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chaired by Eve Mägi, Praxis</i></p>
13:45 – 14:15 EEST	Introduction to the project <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mattias WIHLBORG, ICF (via video link) <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chaired by Eve Mägi, Praxis</i></p>
14:15 – 14:30 EEST	Q&A <p>In this session, stakeholders will be able to share their reflections and questions on the project.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Facilitated by Eve Mägi, Praxis</i></p>
14:30 – 15:00 EEST	Coffee break
15:00 – 15:10 EEST	Introduction to the working group discussions <p>Brief introduction to the working groups and the questions to be discussed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chaired by Eve Mägi, Praxis</i></p>
15:10 – 16:30 EEST	Working group discussion <p>Five parallel working groups (5-6 participants in each group), providing opportunities for all stakeholders to contribute their views and comments. Questions to frame the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ What are the current challenges that better integration of non-formal and formal learning could address?■ What practices already exist that support this integration (e.g. local pilots or initiatives)?■ What opportunities do you see in terms of achieving a better integration of non-formal and formal learning? What are the main obstacles in achieving this? <p style="text-align: right;"><i>The project team will support with note taking</i></p>
16:30 – 16:50 EEST	Reporting back from the working group discussions <p>Summary of main discussion points from the working group discussions – to be presented by a rapporteur (one of the stakeholders) from each group</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chaired by Eve Mägi, Praxis</i></p>
16:50 – 17:00 EEST	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Final words and next steps<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mattias Wihlborg, ICF (via video link)– Riin Tamm, Ministry of Education and Research

	<i>Chaired by Eve Mägi, Praxis</i>
17:00 EEST	Close