

Changes in Lithuanian VET administration

After adopting amendments to the Law on Vocational Education and Training in 2011, Lithuanian Ministry of Economy is undertaking responsibilities related to human resources development and vocational education and training which were previously assigned to the Ministry of Social Security and Labour. It is legitimated that the Ministry of Economy will participate in shaping human resources development policy, will take part in developing and implementing VET policy, will organise foresight research on demand for human resources in the labour market and disseminate its results for the purposes of vocational guidance. Together with the Ministry of Education and Science, the Ministry of Economy will define the structure of qualification and VET standards and the procedure for their development, will approve them and will regulate formation of qualifications and assessment of VET graduates qualification. The Ministry of Social Security and Labour remains responsible for social affairs, including unemployed training issues.

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Vouchers' system to be introduced in Lithuania for funding unemployed training

From January 1, 2012 conditions for organisation of the unemployed vocational training are changing due to the recent amendments of the Law on Support for Employment. The unemployed training will be organised on the basis of tripartite agreements among unemployed, territorial employment office and enterprise. The agreements will stipulate further employment of unemployed person. Unemployed persons will have possibility to choose training provider and territorial employment offices will take responsibility to cover training costs. The training may be organised both at training institution and at work place. This scheme may also be applied for those employees who are notified of dismissal.

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National projects for VET quality launched in Lithuania

At the end of 2011 a national level project for external assessment of vocational education and training (VET) quality was started. The coordinator of the project is Qualifications and VET Development Centre and the project aims at providing impartial, professional and comparative evaluation of quality in different VET programmes. The Project will last until 2013 and during the project it is foreseen to externally assess the quality of 90 training programmes implemented by different VET providers and to prepare recommendations for improving VET programmes and VET quality assurance system based on the quality assessment results. In parallel, implementation of internal quality assurance systems in VET providers is starting. 10 consortiums of training providers will receive funding from national budget and European Social Fund for creating and implementing internal quality assurance systems. The consortiums are built on regional basis and involve IVET and CVET providers including private enterprises. The projects will also cover training of staff dealing quality assurance tasks, peer learning and peer review activities between different consortiums.

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