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3rd EXPERTS' WORKSHOP

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STRENGTHENING THE EMPLOYABILITY OF GRADUATES THROUGH MONITORING, CAREER GUIDANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION

MAIN TOPICS

- 01 STRATEGIC MONITORING OF GRADUATE EMPLOYABILITY
- 02 UPGRADING SUPPORT FOR CAREER GUIDANCE CENTERS
- 03 MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE: EMPLOYERS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
- 04 GRADUATE JOB FAIR



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ENHANCING GRADUATES' EMPLOYABILITY TRACKING IN MOLDOVA

PROJECT PARTNERS:



Moldova Time

09:00-10:00

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VENUE:
Moldova State University, building Central, 1st floor, Regina Maria
Moldova, Chisinau, 60 Alexei Mateevici str.

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS / WELCOME COFFEE

WELCOME ADDRESS

- **Olesea SIRBU**, UPGRADE grant coordinator, Vice-rector for International Relations and European Projects, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova
- **Igor ŞAROV**, PhD, Professor, Rector of the Moldova State University
- **Adriana CAZACU**, Secretary of Research and Innovation, Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova

Session 1: MONITORING THE EMPLOYABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATES: STRATEGIC APPROACHES

Moderator:

Silvia GUȚU

PhD., Associate professor, Francophone Employability Center

Speakers:

The current mechanism for placing graduates in the workforce

Doina USACI, Head of Division, Higher Education Policy Division, Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova

Aligning professional qualifications with employer needs and academic training

Tatiana GHERŞTEGA, Head of the National Qualifications Framework Department, Ministry of Education and Research

Otilia DANDARA, UPGRADE institutional coordinator, first vice-rector, vice-rector for teaching and studies – Moldova State University

Tatiana BUCOS, assoc. prof., phd - Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova

Tatiana YAVUZ, assoc., Head of the Career Guidance and Counselling Centre. Ion Creanga State Pedagogical University of Chisinau

Valentina PRITCAN, vice-rector for research and international relations - Alecu Russo State University of Balti

Svetlana BIRLEA, UPGRADE institutional coordinator, Cahul State University

Natalia NACOGLO, member of work team, Comrat State University

QUESTION & ANSWERS

13:00-14:00

LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING**VENUE:**

Moldova State University, building Central, 1st floor, Regina Maria
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14:00-16:00

Session 2: STRENGTHENING THE NORMATIVE BASIS OF CAREER GUIDANCE CENTERS THROUGH UPGRADE SUPPORT**Moderator:****Irina CARAUȘ**

Internship counselor, Career Guidance Center and Labor Market Relations

Speakers:

1. **Larisa-Loredana DRAGOLEA**, Director of the Center for Information, Counseling and Career Guidance, "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia
2. **Ana UȘURELU**, Head of Career Guidance Center, State University of Moldova
3. **Oxana BARBANEAGRĂ**, Head of Marketing, Partnerships and Career Service, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova
4. **Tatiana YAVUZ**, Head of the Career Guidance and Counselling Center, Chisinau Ion Creanga State Pedagogical University
5. **Victor GRIGOR**, Head of the Student Resource and Career Guidance Center, Alecu Russo State University of Balti
6. **Irina TODOS**, assoc. prof., phd - rector, Cahul State University
7. **Natalia NACIOGLO**, member of work team, Comrat State University

16:00-16:30

CONCLUSIONS & CLOSING

AGENDA

FEBRUARY, 17

Moldova Time

09:00-09:30

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VENUE:
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building Central, 2nd floor, 60 Alexei Mateevici str.

09:30-13:00

GRADUATE JOB FAIR

building 3, 2nd floor, 65A Mihail Kogălniceanu str.

building 4, 2nd floor, 60 Alexei Mateevici str.

11:00-11:30

Moderator:**Silvia GUȚU**

PhD., Associate professor, Head of the Francophone Employability Center

**CAREER GUIDANCE:
PREPARING FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF EU ACCESSION****Nadejda SAVA**, National Qualifications Framework Department, Ministry of Education and Research

11:30-13:00

WORKSHOP MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE: EMPLOYERS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING STRATEGIES FOR THE ADAPTATION OF NEW EMPLOYEES.**Moderator:****Otilia DANDARA**

UPGRADE institutional coordinator, first vice-rector, vice-rector for teaching and studies- Moldova State University

13:00-14:00

LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING

14:00-16:00

WORKSHOP MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE: EMPLOYERS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FOCUSED ON THE NEW CHALLENGES GENERATED BY THE DIVERSIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING METHODS**Moderator:****Otilia DANDARA**

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