

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND WOMEN'S AFFAIRS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION OF ROMANIA**

The Federal Ministry of Education and Women's Affairs of the Republic of Austria and the Ministry of National Education of Romania, hereinafter referred to as "Sides",

- taking into consideration the mutual interest in the development of friendly relations and cooperation in the field of vocational education and training,
- being aware of the importance of this cooperation for the economic and social development in both countries and
- collaborating in the context of European or other international programs

Have decided as follows:

## **Article 1**

Both Sides will enhance the exchange of knowledge, experience, analysis and recommendations, and, where appropriate, between other relevant institutions in the labor market and the education sectors.

## **Article 2**

Both Sides will exchange information on legislation in the field of vocational training.

## **Article 3**

As a priority area of cooperation, the Sides encourage the activities of a temporary bilateral working group of experts with the following tasks:

- Preparation of an analysis of the Romanian systems and regulations relating to vocational training, also in view of existing skill needs
- Preparation and submission of a unified master plan for the gradual improvement of vocational training in Romania

#### **Article 4**

For practical reasons, the working group will choose English as the working language.

#### **Article 5**

With regard to the financial conditions, the Sides decide that all costs associated with travel and subsistence of their appointed experts will be borne by the sending party, unless the Sides decide otherwise.

#### **Article 6**

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective upon signature by both Sides. It will remain in operation until the end of 2014 and will automatically be renewed every year, unless one of the Sides decides otherwise.

#### **Article 7**

Either side may cancel this Memorandum of Understanding at any time, in writing. In that case, it ceases to be effective six months after receipt of the notification by the other side.

#### **Article 8**

The present Memorandum of Understanding does not result in new financial obligations, in the creation of any new obligations regarding international law nor will it have any effect on existing legislation.

Signed in duplicate in Vienna on


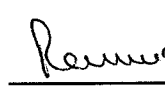
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