

**MINUTES**  
**of the meeting of the Sector Council on External Assistance**

March 1st, 2016, 10 a.m.

**Venue:** Government Building, Conference room, (1st floor, Puskin street), Piața Marii Adunări Naționale 1, MD 2033 Chișinău, Republic of Moldova

**Participants:**

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| 1.  | CORINA FUSU       | Minister of Education, Chair                                                                  |
| 2.  | Cristina BOAGHI   | Vice-minister, Deputy chair                                                                   |
| 3.  | Adriana ROȘCA     | Senior consultant, Department for International Relations and European Integration, secretary |
| 4.  | Sergiu BOGHEAN    | Head of Minister Cabinet                                                                      |
| 5.  | Nadejda VELIȘCO   | Head of Higher Education and science development Department                                   |
| 6.  | Silviu GÎNCU      | Head of Department of Technical-professional Department                                       |
| 7.  | Valentin CRUDU    | Head of General education department                                                          |
| 9.  | Ludmila PAVLOV    | Head of International Relations and European integration department                           |
| 10  | Fabien SCHAFFER   | EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova                                                      |
| 11  | Sergiu BOTEZATU   | Project Manager, USAID Coordination Office Chișinău                                           |
| 12. | Lilia STÎRCEA     | LED                                                                                           |
| 13  | Irina ORIOL       | Programme manager, ADA                                                                        |
| 14. | Oana VODITA       | GIZ Moldova                                                                                   |
| 15. | Ludmila LEFTER    | UNICEF Moldova                                                                                |
| 16. | Vladimir DIDILICA | Vicepresident, Chamber of Commerce and Industry                                               |
| 17. | Roxana ȚURCANU    | AUF representative in Moldova                                                                 |
| 18. | Domnica GÎNU      | Program Manager, Lumos Moldova                                                                |
| 19. | Rima BEZEDE       | President of Educational Center ProDidactica                                                  |
| 20. | Lilia POGOLȘA     | Director of the Institute of Educational Sciences                                             |
| 21. | Gabriel PALADE    | President of the Council of Colleges Directors                                                |
| 22. | Vladimir GUȚU     | Professor, Moldova State University                                                           |
| 23. | Anatol GRIMLASCHI | SOROS Moldova                                                                                 |
| 24. | Adelina CHEȚIU    | National School Inspectorate                                                                  |
| 25. | Sergiu HAREA      | World Bank Project PRIM                                                                       |
| 26. | Anatol TOPALĂ     | Natinal Agency for Curriculum and Evaluation                                                  |

## **SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSIONS ACCORDING TO THE AGENDA**

### ***1. Medium-term priorities in education in Moldova***

The Minister of Education, Ms Corina FUSU welcomed all participants at the meeting of Council on External Assistance. She started her presentation with expressing gratitude for the assistance provided in 2015 and belief in the continuing the good cooperation in 2016. In her presentation, the Minister underlined the main areas, where the external support would be needed:

- 1) Reconsidering educational process in VET;
- 2) Enhancing the prestige of profession of teaching;
- 3) Curriculum modernization to provide the relevance of studies and socio-professional integration;
- 4) Infrastructure modernization of education institutions.

### ***2. Medium-term priorities in general education in Moldova***

Mr. Crudu presented the objectives for 2016-2017 and he referred to the actions that were implemented till the actual moment, especially those implemented with the support of the international donors.

### ***3. Achievements and perspectives in the implementation of World Bank Project- The education reform in the Republic of Moldova***

The coordinator of the World Bank project- The education reform in the Republic of Moldova, Mr. Harea, presented a model of good practices. Thank to the support offered by the World Bank, were initiated renovations of schools according to the standards of quality assurance; it is strengthened the system of pupils evaluation through the Moldova participation to the Pupils International Assessment Program of (PISA). It is in process of elaboration a new system of teacher training and the World Bank offered a grant of 365 000 USD for strengthening the Informational System of Management in Education (SIME), which will contribute to the strengthening capacities of accumulating statistics in education which will be used in the elaboration of modernization policies in education.

### ***4. Questions & answers***

Mr. Gutu (professor, Moldova State University) stressed the benefits of projects financed by the foreign donors, especially those which are oriented to continuity and durability of actions. Mr. Gutu proposed to initiate trans-sectorial projects and underlined the necessity of curriculum

modernization, especially for lyceum, that should be helpful for professional orientation of pupils.

Mr. Didilica (Vice-president of the Chamber of commerce and industry) mentioned the importance of qualifications development according to labour market needs in order to assure the economic growth. Mr. Dididlica said that we need to accommodate to the new realities and new requires of labour market, we need to prepare specialists in the fields that are asked by economical agents. Also, he stressed the importance of such meetings.

Mrs. Lefter stressed the interest of UNICEF to continue the cooperation with the ministry of Education in projects connected with education reform, access and education system modernization.

Mr. Grimalschi (Institute of Public Policies) considers that is necessary to enhance the legal framework in order to implement the Education Code provisions. The review of the financing formula for schools, curriculum, teachers remuneration, electronic books, e-learning, materials for children with special needs etc.- for all these we need external expertize, exchange of experience and of course we need to continue the modernization of education system.

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Turcanu made a short presentation on the projects that the Francophone Universities Agency(AUF) develops in the Republic of Moldova (co-operation projects, mobility, internships, trening of trainers, etc.) and mentioned that AUF will continue to cooperate with the Ministry of Education, especially after the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, in implementing projects in the benefit of higher education institutions and in the context of education system modernization.

## **Conclusions:**

1. The development partners are asked to adjust their work plans for 2016 to the presented priorities in education as much as possible;
2. The participants agreed to summarize all proposals and collaboration opportunities and to examine them in particular.

**Chair**

**Corina FUSU**

**Minister**