

Science and Technology, Education, Youth and Vocational Training

1. Science and Technology

The EU legislation regulating the field of science and technology mainly consists of action plans, strategies and policies, thus there is no need for legislative approximation. However, by 2008 actions shall be undertaken to ensure Armenia's participation in programmes implemented by the EU, particularly the Sixth Fundamental Programme.

2. Education

Introduction

The European Union does not have a common education policy. The role of the Community is to create a system of cooperation in this field by preserving the rights of each Member State in terms of regulation of its education and vocational training systems. Thus, the EU educational field does not have common legal acts. The only act in this field is of social nature and relates to the education of children of migrant workers.¹ The provisions of abovementioned act are not stipulated by the Armenian legislation.

However, the EU implements many educational programmes,² which are regulated by communications, recommendations and are currently not subject to legislative approximation.

Armenia is involved in cooperation programmes such as the Bologna process, National Minorities and Educational Policy, Democratic Citizenship through Education, etc. However, the Armenian legislation does not cover legal acts complying with the EU educational strategy programmes and fully regulating the Armenian educational field. Meanwhile, the European Union encourages implementation of innovative teaching, exchange programmes, adoption of standards in compliance with EU educational standards, clarification of standards for provision of state aid, etc.

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To approximate the Armenian legislation governing the educational field with the EU legislation and particularly with the Council Directive 77/486/EEC of 25 July 1977 on the Education of the children of migrant workers, a draft law on making amendments to the RoA Law on Education shall be elaborated in the 4th quarter of 2006.

3. Youth

The EU legislation related to youth and sport issues mainly consists of action plans and resolutions, thus there is no need of legislative approximation. However, actions shall be undertaken to ensure the participation of Armenia in programmes implemented by the EU, particularly, in the fields of youth exchange, employment and training.

¹ Council Directive 77/486/EEC of 25 July 1977 on the education of the children of migrant workers.

² "Socrates" educational programme, trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education, «EURYDICE» educational informative system.

4. Vocational Training

Introduction

The field of education and vocational training in Armenia does not contain legal acts³ regulating the activities of bodies defined by the EU legislation, which are:

- Centre for the Development of Vocational Training;
- Vocational Training Foundation;
- Advisory Committee on Vocational Training.

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To contribute to the development of the field of vocational training and in accordance with the requirements of EU legal acts³ it is proposed to establish the following bodies by 2009:

- **Centre for the Development of Vocational Training**, which shall aim at developing and implementing vocational training programmes, as well as coordinating activities of educational institutions. According to the Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 of 10 February 1975 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the Centre shall be established by a Government Decree in 2007 upon the initiative of the Ministry of Education and Science of Armenia.
- **Advisory Committee on Vocational Training**, the core mandate of which shall be to perform advisory and informative activities. According to the Council Decision No 2004/223 of 26 February 2004 establishing Advisory Committee on Vocational Training, the Committee shall be established by a Government Decree in 2007 upon the initiative of the Ministry of Education and Science.
- **Vocational Training Foundation**, which shall aim at providing financial assistance for the implementation of vocational training development programmes. According to the Council Regulation (EEC) No 1360/90 of 7 May 1990 Establishing a European Training Foundation, the Foundation shall be established in 2007 by a Governmental Decree upon the initiative of the Ministry of Education and Science of Armenia.

³ Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 of 10 February 1975 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, Council Regulation (EEC) No 1360/90 of 7 May 1990 Establishing a European Training Foundation, Council Decision No 2004/223 of 26 February 2004 establishing Advisory Committee on Vocational Training

2.1. Legislative Approximation

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
N/N	Measure	EU Legal source	Responsible Institution	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man days)	EU Technical Assistance
2006						
1.	Elaboration of a draft Law on making amendments to the Law on Education	Council Directive 77/486/EEC of 25 July 1977 on the education of the children of migrant workers	Ministry of Education and Science of Armenia	4 th quarter	15	Consultancy, provisional expertise
TOTAL					15	

4.1. Institutional Capacities

0	1	2	3	4
N/N	Institution	Reorganization	Training Needs	Technical Assistance needs
1.	RoA Ministry of Education and Science	<p>Elaboration of a draft government decree on Establishing a Centre for the Development of Vocational Training</p> <p>Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 of 10 February 1975 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training 2007</p>		Consultancy, provisional expertise
2.	RoA Ministry of Education and Science	<p>Elaboration of a draft government decree on Establishing Advisory Committee on Vocational Training</p> <p>Council Decision No 2004/223 of 26 February 2004 establishing Advisory Committee on Vocational Training 2007</p>		Consultancy, provisional expertise

3.	RoA Ministry of Education and Science	Elaboration of a draft government decree on Establishing a European Training Foundation Council Regulation (EEC) No 1360/90 of 7 May 1990 Establishing a European Training Foundation 2007		Consultancy, provisional expertise
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