

## Venue:

[Palm Beach Hotel](#)

Larnaca Dekelia Road

P.O. Box 40394, CY 6303

Larnaca, Cyprus

## Day 1: 20 March 2018

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| 12:00-12:30 | <b>Arrival and registration</b> (welcome sandwiches)  |
| 12:30-12:45 | <b>Welcome to the peer learning activity:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome on behalf of the European Commission – <i>Koen Bois d’Enghien</i>, European Commission, DG EMPL</li> <li>Welcome on behalf of the Cypriot hosts – <i>Elias Margadjis</i>, Director General of TVET-MOEC in Cyprus</li> </ul>   |
| 12:45-13:00 | <b>Introduction to the peer learning activity - objectives, content, working methodology etc.:</b> <i>Arancha Oviedo</i> and <i>Maria Emilia Galvão</i> , EQAVET Secretariat  |
| 13:00-14:15 | <b>The role of quality assurance systems in the provision of Higher VET</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How is it done by Cyprus – <i>Pantelis Zacharoplastis</i>, Quality Assurance Officer PSIVET (Post Secondary Institutes of VET)</li> <li>How is it done by Austria – <i>Franz Gramlinger</i>, Head of Unit ARQA-VET (NRP in Austria)</li> <li>How is it done by Ireland – <i>Barbara Kelly</i>, Director of Qualifications QQI (NRP in Ireland)</li> </ul> <b>Short plenary discussion on issues arising from the presentations</b> |
| 14:15-14:30 | Coffee break  |
| 14:30-15:40 | <b>Discussions in small groups – <u>on the role of quality assurance in the provision of higher VET</u></b><br>50 minutes - small group discussions<br>20 minutes - plenary discussion to identify common issues and challenges<br>(The focus for discussion is on how current approaches to quality assurance in the provision of higher VET are effective and/or useful)  |
| 15.40-16.15 | <b>Preparation of the study visit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation: objective, scope and outcome of the study visit</li> <li>Plenary discussion – what do we need to know? Preparation of questions to staff and learners at the school</li> </ul>   |
| 16.15       | <b>Transfer to the TECHNIKI SCHOLI LARNACOS</b>   |
| 16.45–18.45 | <b>Study Visit to the TECHNIKI SCHOLI LARNACOS - 58, Agioi Anargyroi Avenue 58, 6302, Larnaca</b><br>Guided tour and structured conversation with teachers and learners at the school. Welcome and presentations by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kyriacos Michael (Director Technical School Larnaca)</li> <li>Alexis Kosteas (Director of PSIVET Larnaca)</li> <li>George Yiangou (EQAVET NRP in Cyprus)</li> </ul>  |
| 19.00       | Dinner at the TECHNIKI SCHOLI LARNACOS  |

## Day 2: 21 March 2018

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| 9:00-9:30   | <b>Recap of day 1 - Plenary – the output from the morning’s small-group discussions and study visit: key issues identified</b><br><br><b>Presentation of day 2 programme</b>  |
| 9:30-10:45  | <b>Short presentations from VET providers on quality assurance systems in the provision of Higher VET</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Photis Papademas</i>, The Technological University of Cyprus</li><li>▪ <i>Stefan Walch</i>, Headmaster of HTL Imst -Technical college in Tyrol, Austria</li><li>▪ <i>Marie Gould</i>, Programme Manager, QA &amp; New Apprenticeship Development - Education and Training Boards Ireland (ETBI)</li></ul> <b>Short plenary discussion on issues arising from the presentations</b> |
| 10:45-11:00 | <b>Findings of the Erasmus+ project by UEAPME (European Crafts and SMEs organisation) on European Guidelines on quality assurance in higher VET</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Christian Sperle</i>, Head of Unit, ZDH and UEAPME</li></ul> <b>Short plenary discussion on issues arising from the presentation</b>   |
| 11:00-11:20 | Coffee break  |
| 11:20-12:40 | <b>Small group discussions on VET providers’ needs in order to ensure <u>quality assurance in provision of higher VET</u></b><br><br>60 minutes - small group discussions<br>20 minutes - plenary discussion to identify common issues and challenges<br><br>(The focus for the discussion is on the enablers of, and barriers to, quality assurance systems that meet the expectations and needs of higher VET providers)  |
| 12:40-13:00 | <b>Short presentation of the findings from the pre-PLA questionnaire</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Maria Emilia Galvão</i></li></ul>   |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch   |
| 14:00-15:00 | <b>Plenary identification of common issues and challenges</b>   |
| 15:00-15:30 | <b>Summary, lessons learnt and main conclusions of the PLA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Maria Emilia Galvão</i></li></ul>   |
| 15:30-16:00 | <b>Closing session</b>  |