



The Support to Vocational Education and Training in Tajikistan

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Press Release

January 1st 2008 the new project "***The Support to Vocational Education and Training in Tajikistan - phase II***" started. The main target of the project, which is funded by the European Commission, is to support the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Tajikistan in its efforts to reform the Initial Vocational Education System of the Republic. The Minister of Education of the Republic of Tajikistan, **Mr. A. Rakhmonov** expressed his full support during a first meeting with the Representative of the European Union and the project staff. He pointed out that the project should make available international and regional experience and open the VET-schools for the needs of all categories of population, including adults. He expressed his wish that the activities will include a wide range of trainings for the ministry's staff, teachers and headmasters.

Mr. Uwe Gartenschlaeger of the German Adult Education Association (dvv international), team leader of the project describes the two major components of the project:

"The first component "**Policy advice**" will support the Ministry of Education to define the major reform tasks for the system of initial vocational educational, based on the National Action Plan for VET-reform, accepted by the government. Together with our Tajik partner, we will work mainly on two issues:

- To include the Initial Vocational education into the overall educational system and
- To bring the system nearer to the needs of the population, including adults and the labor market

The second component wants to design and implement at least four **curricula** in selected occupations based on modern curriculum development approaches. The curricula will be tested during the second year of the project at several VET-schools in different areas of Tajikistan. A series of trainings for teachers and an equipment component will support this process."

The project, which will be located within the Ministry of Education, will cooperate with different ministries, state agencies and civil society organizations. "A close cooperation with the social partner, especially employer will be essential for our success, as the initial vocational education should mainly serve the needs of the people and the labor market", **Mr. Farhod Sadykov**, Deputy Team Leader of the project pointed out.

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