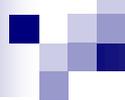


Quality Assurance in Further Education in the Czech Republic

Project Improving Employment Opportunities in the Labour
Market for Marginalised Communities

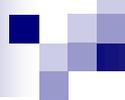
Leonardo da Vinci Lifelong Learning

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Lifelong Learning and Further Education

- Situation different than in Ireland
- Both terms relatively new – LLL and FE came into importance after CR entered EU
 - Act No. 179/2006 on Verification and Recognition of Further Education
 - Lifelong Learning Strategy of the Czech Republic - approved 2009



Further Education

- Aim of the Ministry of Education:
 - is not building a state system (like the school one) and investing hundreds of millions into it but cultivating space for the further education and the creation of tools to promote personal responsibility and motivation to learn.

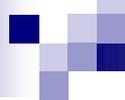
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- in further education in 2009 - 7.8% in the Czech Republic compared to the EU average of 9.6%

In 2011 - about 10 - 11%

The accuracy of statistical indicators?

Strong tradition of secondary education in CR - 92% of people aged between 20-24%

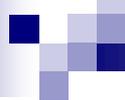


Recognition of Education

- Act No. 179/2006 on Verification and Recognition of Further Education
- National Qualifications Framework-
publicly accessible register of all complete
and partial qualifications in the Czech
Republic
 - essential in the further education system,
built from about 2005 or 6

Accreditation

- In the Czech Republic there is not one system of accreditation and a single institution that would be responsible for granting accreditation and for the quality
- There are these ministerial accreditation schemes:
 - Accreditation of retraining programs (Ministry of Education)
 - Accred. of further education of teachers (Ministry of Education)
 - Accred. of officials of the state administration (Ministry of the Interior)
 - Accred. of further education of workers in social services (Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs)
 - Accred. of education in Sport (Ministry of Education)



Accreditation

Different systems - represent different requirements, different data and documents required for accreditation

This also results in inconsistencies in defining the requirements of quality standards, make control more complicated

Currently there is effort to communicate between departments to set up one system - the project Quality in further professional training.

Accreditation of retraining program

NQF – yes

Completion of the program leads to a partial / full qualification

- process is very standardized,

program and time allocation is given, the exam is done by an authorized person / institution

■ NQF - no

Completion of the program does not lead to a partial / full qualification (accounting, computer programs, ...)

- The program is not given, exams are done at an educational institution which provides programme

Accreditation of retraining programme, NQF - No

Ministry:

- Determines standards for ensuring quality
- Determines kind and name of the program
- Determines minimum time allocation for the program and target group
- Validate programmes
- Audit providers

Education centre:

- Create programmes
- Ensure appropriate methods
- Provide appropriate space, facilities, training material
- Provide teaching staff
- Advertise program
- Communicate with Job agency
- Deliver program
- Evaluate
- Prepare exam and certify

Retraining courses

Retraining courses are organized by education centres, schools with accredited programmes and can be organized as:

- Open courses
 - chosen retraining – unemployed can choose programme and organisation, who provide the training, Job Centre has to approve it, up to 50 thousand CZK in 3 years
 - problems: course fee is paid only if course is successfully completed
- Courses for Job Agency – are tendered, lowest price, often low quality, unsatisfied clients, insufficient feedback



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□ Programmes on offer

- languages

English, Spanish,
French, Italian,
German, Russian,
Chinese, Czech

- computer skills
- accounting
- management
- soft skills
- retraining courses
- further education of teachers - accredited programs

Our activities

- computer skills
 - accounting
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 - soft skills
 - retraining courses
 - courses accredited by further education of teachers
- ❑ Translations
 - ❑ Counseling
 - ❑ Projects



Our clients

- ❑ Individuals
 - ❑ Companies
 - ❑ Job agencies
 - ❑ Administration
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- ❑ Yearly we train about 500 students, dozens of companies, most are our long-time clients.





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