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Achievements in the field of Dual Higher Education in the Republic of Moldova

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Overview of the system of higher education in the Republic of Moldova

- **21 higher education institutions:**

13 public universities, 8 private universities

17 universities concentrated in Chisinau (the capital), 4 regional universities (one in the North, 3 in the South)

- **Universities** provide level **6, 7, 8 EQF**, cycle I, II, III QF-EHEA study programmes (colleges provide level 4, 5 EQF programmes/not part of the higher education system)
- **21 doctoral schools**
- **60000 students** (bachelor, master and doctoral programmes)
- Part of EHEA since 2005 (signatory of Bergen Communiqué)

Existing fields of study and percentage of students enrolled

The higher education system in the country ensures the preparation of specialists in about 172 specialties.

- *Education* 17,2%
- *Humanitarian Sciences and Arts* 5,6%
- *Social Sciences, Economy and Law* 33,0%
- *Sciences* 5,9 %
- *Engineering, Processing Technologies, Architecture and Constructions* 28,2 %
- *Agriculture* 2,10%
- *Medicine* 3,2%
- *Services* 4,8%

Integration of Dual Higher Education in the framework of mid-term and long-term vision of MER

- **Development Strategy „Moldova Europeană”, approved at 23.09.2022**

Strategic Goal 3: guaranteeing relevant and quality lifelong education and learning for all

Specific Objective 3.3: Developing an accessible, flexible and relevant system of continuing training of adults in the context of lifelong learning

- **Draft Strategy „Education 2030”**

Specific Objective 3.5: Modernization of university curricula from the perspective of development of transversal and interdisciplinary skills.

Action 2: Development of dual higher education

Existing legislative framework allowing the development of Dual Higher Education programmes in Moldova

- **Art. 100 Internships**: Internships shall be organized by higher education institutions and shall be carried out within institutions, organizations, companies, associations, and other structures, according to the Framework Regulation approved by the MER
- **Art. 110 Relationships with the labour market and business world**: HEI shall prepare highly qualified staff in partnership and for the labour market by:
 - organizing continuing professional training
 - organizing trainings and internships
 - employment of highly qualified staff provided for by HEI
- **Framework Regulation on the organization of internships in higher education** (2015)
 - types of internships
 - duration; responsibilities of parties

Existing legislative framework allowing the development of Dual Higher Education programmes in Moldova

- **Art. 59 (6) Regulation on the development of dual technical vocational education**
 - organization of theoretical activity at the institutions and the practical activity at the enterprise
- **Gov. Decision 173/2022 for the aproval of the Draft Law regarding Dual Education** (Vocational education)
 - general guidelines for the organization of Dual vocational programmes
- **Gov Decision 70/2018 for the approval of the Regulation for organization of dual vocational programmes**

Institutions partners in COOPERA program in the framework of HES in the Republic of Moldova

Technical University of Moldova

(Automatics and informatics; Robotics and Mechatronics)

Academy of Economic Sciences

(Business and administration; Applied informatics)

Free International University from Moldova

(Diplomacy, security, business and communication)

Ministry activity in the implementation of Dual Higher Education in the Republic of Moldova

- *Examination and approval of study plans of the study programmes piloted in the projects*

ACADEMY FO ECONOMIC STUDIES: nr. 04/1-09/3966 from 09.09.2022

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOLDOVA: nr. 04/1-09/3967 from 09.09.2022

FREE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MOLDOVA: 04/1-09/3968 from 09.09.2022

- *Framework Recommendations on the development of dual higher education programmes in the higher education system of the Republic of Moldova: in the process of being examined by the Council of Rectors.*

Next steps in the implementation of DHE in higher education system in the Republic of Moldova

- Approval of the documents regulating implementation of Dual Higher Education
- Updating of the Framework-Plan for Higher Education (2023)
- Updating of the Framework Regulation on the organization of internships (2023)
- Introduction of the concept of Dual Higher Education in the draft Code of Education – passed all preliminary procedures, to be approved by the Parliament



THANK YOU!

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