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**Draft Agenda**

**European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA) Regional Seminar**

**for Candidate Countries**

**Tirana, Albania – 24-25 September 2018**

**24 September 2018 (DAY 1)**

**MORNING SESSION**

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Arrival and registration of participants**(welcome coffee) |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | **Welcome and introductory remarks:**Ministry of Finance and Economy (tbc)Delegation of the European Union to Albania (tbc)Chamber of Commerce |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | **Perspectives from Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union** |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | **Purpose and Objectives of the Seminar**ETF |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | **The European Alliance for Apprenticeships: latest developments**European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and InclusionQuestions & answers |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | **The European Apprentices Network: the learners' perspective** |
| 11:00 –11:30 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:30 – 11:50 | **Welcoming Newcomers in EAfA**  |
| 11:50 – 12:00 | **Albanian Alliance for Apprenticeships – state of play** |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Achievements in the Candidate Countries**Five work stations with two presenters from each Candidate Country.Participants will be able to move between the work stations.* Country presentations (10 min. each)
* Questions & answers (5 min. each)

Facilitation: ETF and EC team  |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Lunch**  |
| **AFTERNOON SESSION** |
| 14:00 – 14:15 | **Cooperation in WBL**ERISEE Western Balkan Alliance for Work-Based Learning  |
| 14:15– 14:30 | **Project presentation**Erasmus project (Turkey) |
| 14:30– 15:15 | **Thematic focus 1: The role of school – business liaison persons in WBL****Panel discussion**National Agency for VET and Qualifications (Albania) (tbc)Ministry of Education (Serbia)KulturKontakt Austria (Austria) (tbc)School-business liaison person (Albania)Feedback and contributions from EAfA membersIntroduction and facilitation: ETF |
| 15:15 – 15.45 | **Coffee Break** |
| 15.45– 16:30 | **Thematic focus 2: Financing of WBL**Incentives for companies (Montenegro) Federation of EmployersProduction Schools (former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)  VET Center (tbc)Feed-back and contributions from EAfA membersFacilitation: ETF |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | **Apprenticeships in Candidate Countries: Key issues for 2019**Group Work in Candidate Country Teams with EAfA stakeholder peers* Next steps / future actions

Preparation for plenary discussion |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | **Presentation of Candidate Countries actions for 2019** |
| 18:00 – 18:15 | **Conclusions and closing of the seminar**Delegation of the European Union to Albania (tbc)ETF |
| 19:30 – 21:30 | **Dinner** |

**25 September 2018 (DAY 2)**

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| 09:00 – 12:00 | **Company Site visits**Group 1: Kamza VET school + IT companyGroup 2: Lezhe VET school + agri-tourism companyGroup 3: Tirana VET tourism school + hotel or restaurant* Presentation of the company
* Discussion with HR trainers and apprentices
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| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Lunch at the conference venue** |
| 13:00 | **End of meeting** |