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Pursuant to Article 15 paragraph 1 of the Law on Higher Education ("Official Gazette of RS" No. 76/2005, 100 / 2007- authentic interpretation, 97/2008, 44/2010, 93/2012, 89/2013, 99/2014, 45/2015-authentic interpretation and 68/2015), the standard 1 of the Rulebook on Standards for Self-Evaluation and Quality Assessment of Higher Education Institutions ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 106/06), Article 66 of the Statute and the proposal of the Director of the School, Technical School of Professional Studies in Niš at the session of 20.04.2016. year, he brought it

Strategy of Internationalization of the College of applied technical sciences Nis

VTS Nis, considered internationalization as essential for progress, education, development and knowledge transfer. With this in mind, VTŠ Niš is complementing the Quality Assurance Strategy, which was adopted at the session of the School Council on 27.02. 2009 with work related to the internationalization of VTŠ Niš.

Key Goals and Strategic Plans

Within the framework of the ten-year strategy, for the period 2015-2020 the following goals related to the internationalization of VTŠ Niš have been established:

- To become the leader of internationalization of vocational higher education in Serbia
- To take an active part in the internationalization of higher education in Europe and beyond.

In order to achieve these goals, five long-term strategic programs have been developed:

1. Standardization of study programs based on international standards and requirements
2. Development and realization of the student mobility program
3. Development and implementation of the mobility of teaching staff
4. Development and realization of programs for giving joint / double diplomas
5. Participation in joint educational research projects

The strategy is based on positive experiences in international cooperation as well as the best international practices in the domain of internationalization. The territorial focus of our activities will be higher education institutions from the countries of the Western Balkans as well as the leading educational centers of the European Community and beyond.

1) Standardization of study programs based on international standards

Internationalization and standardization of curricula will be included in all programs of VTŠ Niš. The primary goal will be to harmonize programs with the best international practices, applying the highest standards in all teaching areas. Apart from the standardization of the methods of work and the content of the program, special attention will be paid to the knowledge of foreign languages and the strengthening of the intercultural competences of all students and professors. At the same time, information on access to various national and

international scholarship sources, such as the Erasmus student network, will be systematically provided in order to provide an adequate budget for study.

By introducing standardized programs on international basis, VTŠ students will acquire skills that will increase their competitiveness in both the domestic and international labor markets. As part of the strategy, the standardization of the program will continue with the harmonization and monitoring of the best international education experience.

2) Development and realization of the student mobility program

As part of the strategy, short and medium-term student exchange programs will be developed and implemented with international partners. Adjustment of the program with partner higher education institutions will enable efficient exchange and recognition of the results of studies based on the European System of Transfer and Accumulation of Points (ECTS).

Student exchange programs are key to increasing the mobility of both outgoing and incoming students. The promotion of international experiences and the development of international competencies of students are of great importance for the growth of international competitiveness.

3) Development and realization of the mobility of teaching staff.

VTŠ Niš intends to improve the process of academic exchange of teaching staff. Steps will be taken to find partner institutions and organizations and their involvement in active cooperation. The VT Niš management will support the mobility program by providing the necessary conditions (official leave, other short-term absences, contacts with partners, etc.) in order to facilitate the process of international exchange of teaching staff. At the same time VTŠ Niš will support the process of visiting guest professors and provide the necessary assistance in administrative work, providing accommodation and similar. It is expected that the growth of teaching staff will significantly contribute to the progress of professional competences. After the exchange program has been implemented, the teaching staff will contribute to increasing the quality of the teaching process as well as improving the study programs. Foreign professors will directly contribute to the work of VTŠ Niš by disseminating knowledge and best practices in teaching. In order to provide the necessary conditions for the exchange of teaching staff, VTS Niš will provide all available information related to the financing of the teaching staff exchange program (Erasmus + etc.).

4) Development and realization of joint / double degree programs

The aim of such cooperation is the development of joint or dual degree programs in the field of technical and technological sciences. The synergistic effect of these activities greatly contributes to the improvement of study programs, teaching methods and standards. In the upcoming period, from 2015 to 2020, all possibilities of establishing new joint / double degree programs will be explored.

5) Participation in joint vocational education projects

In accordance with previous experience, VTŠ Niš will make efforts to continuously participate in international projects dedicated to the improvement of vocational education. Together with current and future partners, appropriate programs will be selected and joint reports made accordingly. In addition, VT Niš will consider all other opportunities where it could participate in international projects, meeting new challenges.

The results achieved under the Tempus program have fully met expectations and have significantly contributed to the improvement of professional practice and cooperation with partner institutions on projects. VTŠ Niš will constantly seek to establish partnerships for participation in projects where they will perform with their full intellectual capacity.

6) TEAM for International Cooperation

In order to achieve the presented strategic mission VTŠ Niš, the planned goals and plans foresee the possibility of formed a team for international cooperation.

Conclusion

By defining the Strategy of Internationalization, with the willingness to work on its continuous development in the future, VTŠ Niš confirms its orientation towards internationalization of student exchange programs and empowered personnel and the development of joint/double degree programs. VTŠ Niš will dedicate itself to constructive proposals on development of cooperation with present and future international partners in order for the forthcoming activities to be in line with the strategy and professional interests of VTŠ Niš.

The strategy of internationalization VTŠ Niš enters into force on the day of its adoption and publication on the website of the School.

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