



REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Declaration for promotion of the Entrepreneurial Learning

Convinced of importance of Entrepreneurial Learning as a crucial for self-employment and national economic development where entrepreneurship is recognized as a key competence for lifelong learning process and greater prosperity for all,

Declare the following:

Article 1

We are fully aware that:

- **Innovation and entrepreneurship are fundamental to enhancing a country's competitiveness**, a key to higher productivity and greater prosperity for all
- **Entrepreneurs** are viewed as **engines of a market economy** and the ventures they create serve as catalysts for technological progress
- European Commission recognized that **people are Europe's most important asset** for growth and employment and that **entrepreneurship** arise as a one of the **key competences** for lifelong learning

Article 2

We are agreeing that:

- **Universities are crucial drivers** for the political, sociological, cultural and economic development of our country
- **Education based on the competences** that includes knowledge, skills and attitudes that lead people to be more involved in both sustainable development and democratic citizenship, **must have central role in our society**

Article 3

We are convinced of the need to:

- **Promote entrepreneurial learning** at the national level within all layers of the education
- **Ensure general environment** for stimulation of the entrepreneurship and self-employment
- **Develop national higher education policy** to be agreed amongst key stakeholders for promotion of `across campus` entrepreneurial learning within third level education.
- **Stimulate higher education institutions**, beside their primary aims (education, research and development, and application) **to accept additional mission** – Entrepreneurship and promotion of self-employment.

Article 4

Higher education institutions should be stimulated to develop entrepreneurship capabilities like:

- Introduction of Entrepreneurship related curriculums, programs and materials
- Ensuring availability of resources (access to courses, materials etc.) for all students within campuses
- Entrepreneurial trainings of the trainer
- Introduction of entrepreneurship and business start-up centers
- Strengthening the links and joint project with the industry
- Sharing good practices within and among other Universities.

Article 5

We will fully accept latest developments and recommendations for Entrepreneurial learning provided by European Commission and European Training Foundation.

Signed in Skopje on June 3th 2009 by:

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