



## Ministry of Education and Sports Republic of Serbia Vocational Education and Training Reform Programme



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### 6 MILLION EURO FOR EQUIPMENT IN PILOT VET SCHOOLS

*Agricultural school in Kraljevo is one of 55 VET schools which participated in the first phase of the VET Reform Programme. With new equipment and modern pilot curricula implemented these schools are following European educational standards*

About 80% of the graduates from pilot classes in agricultural school `Dr Djordje Radic` who passed final examination in front of the Examination Commission composed of teachers and representatives of employers, were employed within three months after graduation. Situation is similar in other agricultural and mechanical engineering schools which, within the first phase of the VET Reform Programme, have educated students according to the new, pilot curricula.

Agricultural school in Kraljevo is not the school for the students who couldn't enrol in other, more attractive schools anymore. Nice, tidy and extremely well equipped for Serbian conditions this school became very popular since, four years ago, implementation of pilot programmes has started. **Serbian Minister of Education Mr Slobodan Vuksanovic and the Head of the EC Delegation in Serbia Mr Josep Lloveras** who visited school today had an opportunity to participate in demonstration of new equipment and curricula implementation.

New, dairy equipment, worth about 150.000 Euro is only a part of specialised equipment the school received through the Programme. On about 80 hectares of land – part of the school property envisaged for practice classes, in recently installed green houses students are working diligently, fields are cultivated with new tractor and mechanisation, and veterinary technicians acquire new skills using professional lab equipment.

**The new school year started with the new specialised equipment worth 4.5 million Euro for the rest of 54 schools involved in the first phase, as well.** Mini-dairies, bakeries, green houses in agricultural schools, CNC machines and measuring instruments in mechanical engineering schools, anatomy classrooms, dentist chairs and labs in medical schools, completely equipped auto-mechanic workshops in electrical engineering schools, plastering machines and complete set of tools for plasters in civil engineering schools will facilitate and modernise teaching process and make it possible for students to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge at school and be well prepared for entering the "the world of work".

The first phase being successfully completed, **the second phase of the VET Reform Programme has started.** The second phase will last two years and the Programme will focus on new occupational sectors. Eight pilot profiles will be introduced in 21 schools in three occupational sectors: wood-processing, tourism and catering and "new technologies" within mechanical and electrical engineering. Activities planned for the second phase will be based on the results and the experience gained during the first phase.

For the implementation of the second phase of the VET Reform Programme EU has, through EAR, secured 6 million Euro.

The deadline for the implementation of the Programme is December 2007.



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