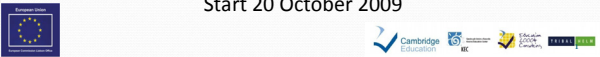


EU EDUCATION SWAp Project

Support to the implementation of the education sector-wide approach in Kosovo

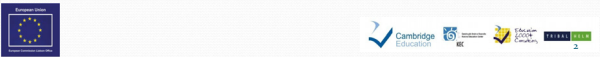
Instrument for Pre-accession (IPA)
Kosovo (UNSCR 1244) – Centralised Programme 2008

Project budget: € 3 million
36 month duration
Start 20 October 2009



Objective

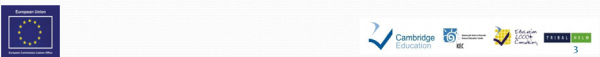
- To support the Kosovo Government in improving the quality and efficiency of the provision of education and training services, notably
 - pre-university education, in a lifelong learning and employability perspective, in line with the agreed upon sector-wide approach (SWAp) for education, and in accordance with EU standards.



Purposes

3 Components

- Component 1: Support to MEST's Capacity Development at Central and Municipal Levels
- Component 2: Support to Curriculum Development, particularly in relation to the revised National Curriculum Framework
- Component 3: Support to Teacher Training Development



Other donor supported initiatives

- In all three components, EU Education SWAp Project will work closely with MEST, other ministries other donor- supported projects
 - Emphasis on cooperation, coordination, synergy
 - Avoid duplication, confusion, overload, conflicting messages

BUT....

Project landscape quite crowded, eg VET
Heavy Transaction costs



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Component 1:

Building on Strategy for Development of Pre-University Education in Kosovo (2007-2017) and the Strategy for Higher Education (2005-2015), plus the Vocational Education and Training Strategy, we

will support MEST to have a single costed, education sector-wide strategy

will use the 'Kosovo Roadmap for Improved Education Sector Performance and Aid Effectiveness' (Sida)



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Current issues

- Sector activities and funding piecemeal, *ad hoc*, donor driven, with danger of critical gaps in activity and funding
- Donor coordination issues
 - Complex and crowded
 - Fragmented
- Capacity issues in MEST-Central and Municipality
- Sector Reform Programme is under way (CBERP)



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Sequencing our approach

Firstly MEST Policies for the education sector

Secondly MEST Strategic Plan – (aims, objectives, priorities, milestones, activities, results ... costed)

Thirdly MEST Annual Action Plan – specific time-bound actions to achieve specified results



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Definition of a SWAp

- All significant funding for the sector supports -
 - a single sector policy and expenditure programme
 - under government leadership
 - adopting common approaches across the sector
 - progressing towards relying on government procedures to disburse and account for funds
- “Government in the driving seat”



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New SWAp Structures and Activities

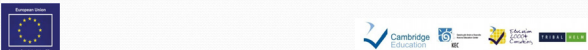
- Steering Committee
- SWAp Task Force
- SWAp Secretariat

- Annual Budget Planning Workshop
- Joint Annual Review
- Stakeholder Forum



Current situation in SWAp -Structures

- Government establishing
 - SWAP Steering Committee (across ministries with donor representation)
 - SWAP Secretariat (Directorate for Donor Coordination)
 - SWAP Task Force

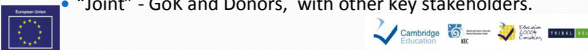


Current SWAp situation -Activity

- Strategic planning and costing
- Production of a costed Education Sector Strategic Plan
- Internal review and finalisation by SWAp Task Force

Leading to

- Stakeholder Forum-consultation on plan
- First Joint Annual Review (September/October?)
- "Joint" - GoK and Donors, with other key stakeholders.



Future situation-what we would want to see...

- SWAp accepted by key stakeholders and established
- Steering Committee functional
- SWAp Secretariat leading the process
- Annual Budget Planning Workshop – Feb/March 2011, to feed into MTEF and next year's budget, and to agree an Annual Work Plan based on Strategic Plan
- GoK/MEST takes increased initiative in driving activities which are specified in an annual work plan, supported by donors



Desired longer term changes

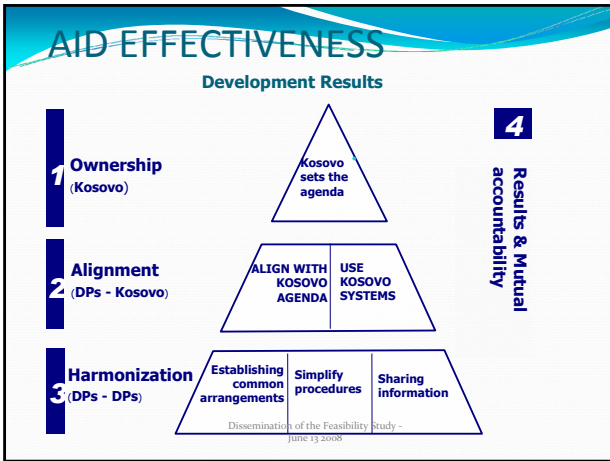
- Strategic planning and budgeting process well established, with continuous improvement
- MEST-led activities closely related to strategic plan and executed according to annual work plan and budget
- Funding available for ALL MEST planned activities (because plan is set in context of known financial resources)
- MEST Central and Municipal capacity strengthened to enable all main functions to be fulfilled effectively and efficiently



Desired longer term changes-on the donor side


- Greater donor coordination to support MEST Strategic Plan
- All donors support the Strategic Plan-little or no activity outside of this
- More harmonisation among donors
 - Code of conduct
 - "silent partnerships" therefore fewer donors operating bilaterally
 - Possibly fewer donors overall
 - Pooled fund, for inputs, for technical assistance?
- Budget Support-Sector or General?









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