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SAMPLE PROJECTS

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Participants to the project also explored the future cooperation and collaboration among OIC Municipalities and relevant institutions.
WHO CAN BENEFIT?

Partners and beneficiaries work together and give support to the vocational education and training systems in OIC Member Countries.

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The İMTP is a programme managed jointly by SESRIC and İŞMEK (Centre for Vocational and Art Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality) in the framework of “training of trainers (TOT)” to provide intensive free training courses to master trainers from OIC Member Countries in various subjects under different categories.

The programme is open for participants who are aware of the subject and have at least intermediate level field knowledge. All the training courses provided by İŞMEK are free of charge for qualified participants from the OIC Member Countries.

Upon successful completion of the courses, participants are expected to acquire the required skills to be able to teach the relevant subject and are awarded with the Certificate of Attendance duly authorised both by İŞMEK and SESRIC.

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The OIC International Student Exchange Programme (OIC-ISIP) is a special international internship programme, developed under the OIC-VET Programme, intending to enhance the quality of workforce employed in OIC Member Countries, strengthen integrity and convergence of labour markets, and to promote competitiveness of OIC economies through increasing knowledge and skills of university students on penetrating into the labour market.

The OIC-ISIP operates under the International Business Forum (IBF) as an international internship programme catering to the basic training needs of the university students pursuing different degrees in OIC universities.

By its nature, the OIC-ISIP involves various stakeholders in different sectors of the economy, including enterprises, industrial companies, SMEs, chambers, VET institutions, centres, universities, as well as non-governmental organisations and other civil society organisations to support internship placements across diverse areas of professional and academic interests.

Internship placements are available in a variety of fields, including, but not limited to medicine, business, engineering, finance, tourism, IT, media/communications, mining, construction, international relations, the non-profit sector etc.

ACCESS TO AND PARTICIPATION IN ALL PROJECTS OF THE OIC-VET PROGRAMME IS OPEN TO ALL RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS IN OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES.

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BENEFICIARIES
- Enterprises, industrial companies, SMEs;
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STRUCTURE

OIC-VET Programme has three project types which introduce a transnational perspective compatible with countries’ national priorities.

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OIC-TIP covers a broad area for OIC transnational partnership. They include the following projects:

1. OIC-TIP for Professionals
   It is a transnational training programme between enterprises and public/private training organizations and/or universities. It aims to create new knowledge, insight and solutions in multidimensional topics. The beneficiaries are mainly professionals with diverse responsibilities for decision making, guidance, mentoring, teaching and training.

2. OIC-TIP for People in Labour Market
   It includes vocational training and/or work experience in another country organized by beneficiaries/partners through intra-OIC partnerships. The target group of OIC-TIP-LM are workers, trainers, apprentices, job seekers and recent graduates joining into the labour market.

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OIC-Transnational Innovation Projects aim to provide support for an enhanced quality and innovation capacity of OIC Member Countries’ VET systems and arrangements at local, national or regional level. OIC-TIP focus on stimulating the process of innovation and enhancing the quality of training and vocational guidance.

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ONGOING PROGRAMMES

The following are a list of ongoing programmes under OIC-VET framework:

1. Capacity Building Programmes (CBP)

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