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During all of her professional life, she was dealing with the qualification of work force, employment, and further and adult training.

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At Cedefop, she coordinates activities focused on policy analysis and reporting on developments in and modernizing of vocational education and training in Europe (preparation of European reports monitoring progress in vocational education and training within the Copenhagen process of cooperation).

A specialist in comparative research on educational policy developments, she has cooperated with international organisations such as the OECD, UNESCO and the Council of Europe, and is the author of number of papers on the subject of how education and training is and can be developed to respond to global challenges and serve European policy goals.

Since 2004, Cedefop has a mandate to monitor progress in modernizing European vocational education and training systems within Copenhagen process of cooperation. The fourth Policy report is now under preparation by Cedefop findings of which will be debated at the ministerial meeting in Bruges (December 2010). At this meeting, ministers will agree on priorities of European cooperation in the next decade. To gather the information for the analysis from Member States, a survey was conducted by Cedefop, in which directors general for VET, social partners and ReferNet consortia participated.

Considering the millstones and main socio-economic challenges the presentation will discuss the outcomes of 2009/2010 monitoring exercise which covers the whole period of cooperation since 2002 when the Copenhagen process was launched. The obstacles and barriers on side of individuals and enterprises which still hamper access of all to lifelong learning will be addressed in a wider context of policies which were introduced to achieve higher progress in this area.

In particular, various financing schemes (training funds, tax incentives, vouchers, loans) were developed and implemented to raise the participation in lifelong learning and to share training costs between different stakeholders. Considering economic and social benefits of education and training, they follow principal objective to increase private funding. Faced with the challenge of limited public budgetary resources, countries are striving for a greater efficiency in their spending (decentralisation, new instruments for allocating funds, mergers and new partnerships). From the enterprise perspective, despite evidence that the training acts as a booster of staff knowledge and skills, which is a factor of innovation and which improves enterprises' survival and growth, enterprises in many countries started to invest less in the training of their employees already before the crisis. In most countries this trend was even further deepened as a consequence of the crisis and reduced resources available in companies, especially in hardly hit sectors. On contrary, based on various factors, initial VET is now more popular in some countries.

The increased flexibility of education and training pathways taking into account individual needs and higher vertical and horizontal permeability belong also to instruments which help to remove barriers to learning throughout life. Flexible VET systems without dead ends make VET more accessible and attractive for learners of various background and ages. However, the modernized education and training systems which become even more complex may create new kinds of barriers for those who are not able to make qualified choices on their future educational career in case counselling and guidance systems are underdeveloped or do not operate in an adequate way.

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Summary of the presentation:

ETF is the agency of the European Union (EU) that works with transition and developing countries to harness the potential of their human capital through the reform of education, training and labour market systems, in the context of the EU external relations policy. Among the CEI member countries, partners of ETF are Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine.

What are the main barriers to developing lifelong learning policies across these countries? Evidence shows that participation in lifelong learning is somehow below the desirable levels owing to a variety of factors, although statistics also reveal positive surprises. Obstacles impeding access to learning opportunities can be ascribed to: scarce integration between formal and non-formal learning, issues of financing, inadequate involvement of Ministries in charge of economic development hence lack of link with enterprise development policies, underdeveloped institutional partnerships and mechanisms at local level, certification systems or lack thereof, among other factors.

Policy makers should have access to and use the information about the factors that influence lifelong learning, for the planning of new active measures. The analysis of the relationship that exists between the level of attainment in initial education and the level of participation in further learning, for example, provides an understanding of activating and impeding factors. This and other types of analyses are even more meaningful – apt to identify the existing barriers, in order to remove them – where disaggregated information is available. Income, gender, area of residence, ethnicity or age may contribute as categories to explain the disparities of access and participation in lifelong learning. For policies and measures to be informed by evidence, disaggregated data help ascertaining where the barriers are and what their weight is in the society.

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Professional career:

Éva Balázs is a sociologist and economist, holding a PhD in regional policy and economics. The place of her employment, the National Institute for Educational Research and Development (NIER) is maintained by the ministry responsible for education; including its predecessors she has been working for this institution since 1982.

The main fields of research Éva Balázs is engaged in are educational sociology, educational policyanalysis, regional policy, educational management and European issues of education.

Since the early 90s, decentralization in education has been one of the main issues her research interests focus on. Among the many empirical and policy-oriented researches she carried out in this field, there is an international comparative study on inter-governmental roles in the delivery of educational services. The frame of this analysis was prepared by an international team and the Hungarian study was written by her and her colleagues. (A. Fiszbein (ed.): Decentralizing education in transition societies. The World Bank, 2000. The concise Hungarian study: (online: http://www.ofi.hu/inter-governmental-roles-090617/inter-governmental-roles)).

The analysis on the processes of decentralization in Hungary led directly to the examination of questions on educational administration at regional level and, among them, the relation between education and other, mainly the public, sectors. The role of education as an agent in regional human resources development was the topic of Éva Balázs's PhD thesis (*issued in a monograph including an English Summary: http://www.ofi.hu/tudastar/oktatas-tarsadalmi/kozoktatas-regionalis*).

Her activity includes a continuous analysis on educational management issues; including international comparative works and domestic analyses in this field (see e.g.: New heads in Hungary. In.: Bolam, R.–G. Dunning–P. Karstanje (eds): New heads in the New Europe. Waxmann, 2000).

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The presentation is to introduce and analyse the implementation process of the Lifelong Learning Strategy of Hungary.

The first part of the lecturer gives some information on the Hungarian state of LLL issues via statistical and research data.

After outlining the conceptual framework and approach of LLL in Hungary, the EU and national context and the organizational background of the LLL strategy of the Hungarian government, issued in 2005, will be outlined, including the features of the preparation and the implementation phases. Actors and procedures of the implementation process as well as the financial background and the construction of development programmes and activities concerning lifelong learning will be introduced.

Following the last, two-year periodical governmental follow up and evaluation of the implementation of the strategy, made in 2009 and statements of a related analysis, prepared by a Central European project concerning the development of LLL strategies (CBI NLLS – Cross Border Improvement of National LLL-Strategies) the presentation gives an overview on the results and backwards of the implementation. Some concrete cases of good examples and problems will be also shown.

The paper concludes in summing up the main future tasks and some new challenges concerning the development of the national LLL strategy.

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The strategic importance of lifelong learning has taken effect in Italy in the mid '90s, driven by the EU, with the reaffirmation of the need to raise educational levels and skills of the population to promote the integration of young people into the work, professional growth in employment and full participation of citizens in the knowledge society, through an investment in the growth of their competences. The implementation of lifelong learning strategies tend to assume, in Italy, a cross-cutting tone, in the process of reform of education and training systems.

Lifelong learning in Italy is "widespread" in education, training and employment systems. Italy, like many other EU countries, compared to this objective is faced to pursue European goals and to meet as much as possible parameters set before the 2010 and now for 2020. Nevertheless, in Italy the situation is still characterized by low levels of education and professional qualifications of population (especially for 25 to 64 years old), and by widespread shortages of cultural, scientific, and cross-functional layers in large parts of adult and young population.

To proceed in the direction of Europe 2020 strategy, it is absolutely necessary to work both on the coordination and integration of the various types of the "offer" of training, both on the "demand" of training, information, counselling, supporting educational participation of different groups of adult population. It can be said that the widely shared guidelines for lifelong learning are not yet adequate to integrate plans of action among actors and stakeholders in order to attract a significant part of the adult population, in particular those with low levels of education and qualification.

The offer of continuing education in the country is very rich and involving a multitude of public and private, institutional and not characterized by a non long tradition providers, with different courses and activities undertaken. It is worrying to note that the whole different educational segments are focused on the more educated demand and, above all in the delivery of courses in computer literacy and foreign language, there is an overlap between formal and non formal providers.

The right to education and lifelong learning has been recognized by the Regulatory Law 53, March 8, 2000. Thanks to law 53/00, the experiences of individual demand for continuing vocational training have been consolidated. Trend already begun with the specific measure provided for by Law N. 236, July 19, 1993 grew out of an agreement between the government and social partners of the same year, which started the systematization of learning, recognizing the principle of consultation between state, regions and social partners.

With reference to vocational training, the implementation of the article 17 L. 196/97, established the joint funds on the basis of agreements signed by the social partners (representative of a national economic sectors, manufactory, agriculture, and service industries). Italy should be working to raise the level of learning and it is important to continue to combat early school and training leaving, encouraging even more personalized learning formulas. In particular, in Italy must be remedied with the well-known disparities between regions by means of policies and programs targeted with appropriate investment.

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Participation in continuing education in the CR is lower than is the average of EU27 (6,8% in the CR and 9,3% in EU27 in 2009). Although the participation is influenced mainly by the needs in skills development in enterprises and their economic situation, other factors related to systemic conditions and influencing individual behaviour are important, too.

The presentation gives an overview of legislation, financial incentives, institutional and programme tools for supporting continuing education. The analysis of barriers which hinder individual social groups' access to continuing education is based on the results of individual survey provided among the Czech adult population in 2007.

The spectrum of reasons for not participating in continuing education can be based on factor analysis divided to three main categories. The first category of involves mainly external barriers (price, time), the second category is characterised by the supply of training opportunities (quality, range, information), the third includes individual's attitude towards the training process itself.

In terms of employability and the ability to succeed in the labour market, people who do not participate in any form of education at all are in particular at risk. Therefore the survey was aimed to identify these risk groups according to their labour market position, gender, age, level of education, place of residency, personal income and professional status. The analysis focused therefore on unemployed, people with low qualification, parents of young children, people aged 50 and over and self-employed. It evaluated the importance of different types of barriers for each group.

The main measures for overcoming barrier are (1) information and guidance, (2) system of financial supporting, (3) quality assurance. However their feasibility and usefulness is individual for different groups. Some of systemic conditions are built under the LLL Strategy, however the budget restrictions will negatively influence the implementation of planned measures. Therefore the measures need very good targeting on the specific groups.

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Lifelong learning is one of the key factors, which contribute to economic growth, reduction of unemployment, social inclusion and labour market mobility. It upgrades the competencies of the adults and youth thus making them more competitive in the labour market. A precondition for the improvement of the learners' competences is development of the lifelong learning system providing flexicurity from which both learners and employers have benefits. The education institutions should develop programmes that follow recent socio-economic developments and be in accordance with the labour market needs.

Statistics shows, that one in ten inhabitants in Croatia was found to be socially excluded, and that people with lower levels of education more frequently feel socially excluded. Their employability depends on significant investment in market-relevant skills.

In order to increase the participation of the learners in education programmes the education institutions should work on raising the awareness of lifelong learning and benefits that stem from it, on national, regional and local level. Furthermore, the education sector should develop new ways to motivate learners such as providing monetary incentives. In 2008, the participation of adults in lifelong learning programmes in Croatia was 2, 2%, far below EU 27, which was 9, 5%, but it is important to underline the statistical methodology which in Croatia take only formal education programme into account.

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Summary of the presentation:

I would like to inform on identifying barriers of lifelong learning and their removal in Ukraine. Particularly I am going to focus the participants' attention on the higher education, vocational education and training and postgraduate studies.

Concerning the higher education there will be general information on the following:

- Types of the higher educational institutions (HEI) in Ukraine and the qualification levels that they provide;
- Quantity of HEIs and their subordination to the Ministry of Education and Science;

- International cooperation in the field of higher education, academic mobility, participation in the EU educational programs
- Existing difficulties in the process of reforming the Higher education system and the Ministry's activity in this aspect.

As far as vocational education is concerned, the materials of the report generally describe the vocational and technical education in Ukraine, identifies it's subjects, the network of educational institutions of the vocational education system. Forms used to support lifelong learning, and quantitative indicators regarding their use are demonstrated as well as the existing problems in implementing the lifelong learning and their solutions.

Separate attention is going to be paid to postgraduate education and adult education, present situation and future perspectives.

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Summary of the presentation:

The beginning of the XXI century was marked by the increased attention to forming of the unique general educational environment. As Ukrainian education is on the way of engaging into European educational environment, there is the necessity of substantial changes and substantial update of the education system in the country.

The system of general education in Ukraine is in a state of transformation. During the Soviet period the duration of primary and secondary education was 10 years. After independence the length of primary and secondary education was extended to 11 years. The Law on General Secondary Education adopted in 1999 with amendments to legislation on secondary and primary education to the educational process from 6.10.2010 envisaged significant changes in structure, duration and content of Preschool (mandatory preschool education for children of preschool age from age 5 to 6); basic (low secondary) and senior (upper) secondary education.

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Summary of the presentation:

The situation of adult education in Serbia, considering current transitional processes, is moving forward. The reform of educational system includes some of the aspects of adult education system and lifelong learning concept, such as: functional literacy, development of training programs, capacity building of responsible institutions and providers and teachers' training. Those activities are mostly focused on formal system of adult education.

The platform for reforming this sector is Strategy for development of VET and Strategy for development of Adult Education adopted in 2006. Also, the Law on Adult Education at the moment is in the process of development.

Reform activities are going not fast as it should be because of the existing barriers: lack of political will to deal with functional illiteracy; unsatisfied educational structure of population; traditional approach to education; lack of standards and procedures in adult education; outdated curricula; high unemployment rate; unclear responsibilities for data collection of formal and non-formal adult education. On the other side, political and economic development of the country sets significant challenges to adult education and it should be recognized as key asset for realization of those changes.

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Summary of the presentation:

No -interest in education vs. Interest in no-education

Do we really have barriers in lifelong education or rather barriers in education process as such?

Are the barriers in education in our Head or in our Heart?

Unnoticeable switch from informal to formal education

Do we understand the origin of the word "education"?

Education, life and job are not three different things, it is only one thing

Education is not a value anymore it is a commodity

Lack of joy in education process

Negative impact of IT

Education as a decoding key to understand the information boom

Do we really like the education for the education itself, or because of the status?

Results of research concerning the attitude towards the education in Slovakia

Is it like that only in Slovakia?

Is it possible to build knowledge- driven society?

How to remove the barriers in education?

Good message is that "no- interest in education" is not the same as "interest in no- education"

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