

Promoting Research and Innovation in Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Israel

Final report on the German-Israeli VET project 2014 – 2016

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Summary

The current report is describing the results of a project within the ‘German-Israeli Programme on Cooperation in Vocational Education and Training’ as part of the ongoing collaboration between the Israeli and German governments for the purpose of exchanging knowledge between the two countries. Within this project, a team of VET experts from Israel and Germany examined ways of strengthening the VET system in Israel. The process included a series of meetings, interviews with stakeholders and a review of existing data and previous reports.

In particular, the team examined the German Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), which facilitates fruitful cooperation between stakeholders in the German VET system and conducts ongoing data collection and research. The committee discussed ways of adapting the goals and certain organisational roles of the BIBB to the Israeli environment. As an outcome of this, the primary recommendations presented in this report are incorporated in our suggestion for an organisational structure of bodies that will steer and design the Israeli VET system, as presented in the following figure:

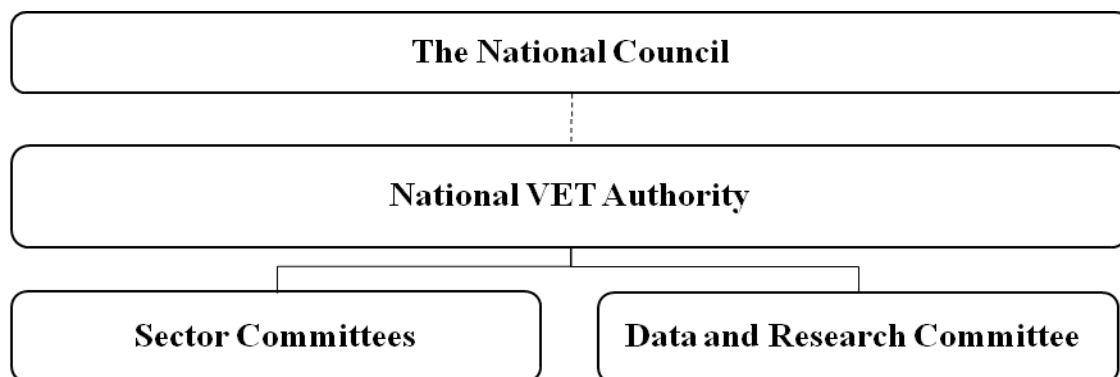


Figure 1: Organisational structure of the National Council for VET, the National VET Authority and the Committees

The above organisational structure highlights the following two recommendations:

- **Establish a National Israeli Council of VET (“The National Council”).** The National Council will act as an executive body, advising the National VET Authority about national policies. The National Council will consist of representatives of different stakeholders in the VET field. This will help to ensure cooperation between the different stakeholders by increasing the involvement of key players in the decision-making process.
- **Establish a National VET Authority.** The National VET Authority will be responsible for designing national and sectoral VET policies in light of the recommendations of the National Council. It will coordinate the activities of both the

Data and Research Committee and the Sector Committees. The establishment of such an authority will help to minimise the fragmentation of system elements, whilst consolidating the system under one roof. This will allow for the development of policies that have a broader view of the system.

These two recommendations are key steps in enhancing cooperation between stakeholders in the Israeli VET system and developing a national perspective for governance. Furthermore, these primary recommendations may serve as a foundation and long-term goal for strengthening other aspects of the VET system, as recommended in this report:

- Establish Sector Committees that will be responsible for constructing new occupations and updating existing occupations according to the needs of the stakeholders, as well as continuously developing and updating curriculum examinations and certifications
- Develop an overarching legal framework
- Increase the usage of comprehensive and systematic VET data collection and research
- Establish a coordinating mechanism that will optimise the accreditation system