



OPENING CEREMONY FOR EU PROJECT CALLED “STRENGTHENING VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (VQA) AND NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS SYSTEM (NQS) IN TURKEY” HAS BEEN REALIZED

The Opening Conference where EU Project Called “Strengthening Vocational Qualifications Authority (VQA) And National Qualifications System (NQS) UYEP was introduced to the press, media, representatives of other public institutions, civil society organizations, academics and other stakeholders, took place on 6 April 2011 in Ankara with the participation of the Minister of Labor and Social Security Mr. Ömer Dinçer.

Under Grant component, contracts were signed, in March 2011, with 26 organizations which were awarded the grants under the scope of VOC-Test Centers Grant Scheme and €6,618,000 was allocated for this Project.

The general aim of UYEP is to offer consultancy for project management and policy making concerning the development of NQS and support VQA in its highly important task to ensure that vocational education provided is in line with the needs of the labor market, support lifelong learning, strengthen the link between education and employment and facilitate compliance with European Qualifications Framework. UYEP also aims at enhancing the knowledge and awareness of all stakeholders involved in the NQS (public and private sector representatives, employers' and employee organizations, civil society organizations, education providers) with respect to the System and help them to develop an ownership of the implements with WYG Turkey to achieve a Turkish National Qualifications System developed that referred to the

evaluation, assessment and certification system of European

Qualifications Framework and ensure that an appropriate and sustainable system is developed for the formulation of NQS, occupational assessment, evaluation and certification.

Minister of Labor and Social Security Mr. Ömer Dinçer congratulated the representatives of institutions/organizations which were awarded the grants and wished them a successful completion for their projects.

