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Your Excellencies,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a privilege and a pleasure for me to represent today the Ministry of Education and Research and to attend this important event having an ambitious goal: to discuss about the transparency of qualifications and credit transfer in VET.

I believe that knowledge is a universal concept. It is not tied to any country. It is portable. It can be created anywhere and it may be beneficial to a wide range of areas in the world. By definition, knowledge is a changing notion. As the key resource, it is fundamentally different from the traditional key resources. Education and training are the ways to acquire, develop and learn how to use this knowledge. And transparency and portability are important principles governing lifelong learning today.

As you know, all over Europe, experts and stakeholders are discussing the proposal of the Commission as regards the Credit Transfers in VET. I sincerely believe that this meeting could also help us to learn from best practices and to put on the table those issues that are important both for the promoters and national agencies, all over Europe.

In Romania we have started in process of public consultation at the end of last year. We have involved here policy makers, experts in VET, teachers or managers but also other stakeholders. As regards the initial vocational

training, due to the comprehensive reforms we promoted during the last years, we believe that we are able to introduce the system of credit transfer.

In the specific area of higher education, Romanian universities have proceeded on Bologna process. The support for the single framework for the transparency of qualifications (Europass) will be provided by the National Agency for Community Programmes in the field of Education and Vocational Training, the same institution participating to the thematic monitoring group and this event organizer.

Leonardo da Vinci has been integrated in the new European programme for Lifelong Learning and, as many of European actions supporting transparency and transfer, continue to support bottom-up contribution of these issues by projects by dedicating specific priorities “European credit transfer in VET” and “Validation of non-formal and informal learning”.

We are really appreciating the preliminary results achieved within this thematic group “Transparency of qualifications, validation of non-formal and informal learning, credit transfer”. I am also convinced that the Romanian Agency is actively involved in this process, the organization of this first event joining participants from 21 European Member States and representatives of European Commission - DGEAC and European Parliament ensuring the favorable context for a fruitful debate.

I would like to wish you success in your activities.

Thank you.

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