



Dear Business Representatives, dear Students, dear Sir or Madam.



We are writing to you to extend a warm invitation to attend the **Professional Education Forum**, a roadshow which will take place in Soroca, Bălţi, Orhei, Comrat and Chişinău. This series is organized by the German Embassy to Moldova in collaboration with Ad Astra Group, a youth organization. The goal of this event is to improve the quality and attractiveness of professional education by creating an open platform for dialogue which will facilitate communication and cooperation among stakeholders.

The agenda of each forum will entail a panel discussion and including regional experts from the fields of business, education, civil society, and government and student organizations. A moderator will facilitate the discussion engaging participants to share their experience, concerns and ideas. Stakeholders will walk away with a deeper understanding of vocational education policies, problems and possible solutions related to professional education and youth unemployment.

Unemployment, the brain drain, knowledge and skill gaps and difficulty in transition from education to employment are all root causes of socio-economic problems. We would like to draw from your rich experience and to invite you to participate in the Professional Education Forum to share your perspective and expertise. You are welcome to complete the optional registration form on http://forum.career-for.me in order to receive updates and additional information. Each event will be covered via live transmission online on www.career-for.me, so that participants who are not able to attend will have a chance to participate virtually by submitting topics for discussion via the comments section.

Professional Education Forum Details:

Dates: October - November (Thursdays, 18:00-20:30)

- October 9 Soroca, Liceul Teoretic C. Stere, str. D. Cantemir 26
- October 16 Bălți, Biblioteca Municipala Eugeniu Coșeriu Fil. Ion Creangă, str. Independenței 36
- October 23 Orhei, Primăria or. Orhei, str. V. Mahu 160
- October 30 Comrat, Liceul Teoretic G. A. Gaidarji, str. Lenina 198
- November 6 Chişinău, Biblioteca Municipală B. P. Haşdeu, bd. Stefan cel Mare 148

Objectives and desired outcomes:

- Bridge communication gaps by facilitating an open dialogue among stakeholders
- Network and connect stakeholders from various organizations
- Inform and engage about available resources and models
- Identify best practices, learn about programs, exchange knowledge and ideas
- Agree upon sustainable solutions which would reflect the needs of each stakeholder group

Stakeholders:

The forum seeks to attract and provide a communication platform to:

- Business representatives (Small and Medium Size Enterprises)
- Students and young professionals (graduates, enrolled students, employed/unemployed youth)
- Nongovernmental/ International Organizations (focusing on youth issues, education and training, business and economic development)
- Local and/or regional government representatives
- Education service providers (VET, University, Lyceum, College)

Event partners:





Ministerul Educației al Republicii Moldova



Ministerul Muncii, Protecției Sociale și Familiei al Republicii Moldova

We look forward to seeing you at the events!