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AoC Update



- **UK VET International Strategy**
- **UKBA**
- **Market Update**
- **Up coming events**

UK VET International Strategy



- New Challenges, New Chances – AoC tasked with leading on UK VET's International Strategy
- Report launched at the AoC International Conference in May by John Hayes
- Based on a steering group made up key players including; AoC, FAB, BESA, TVET, BC, UKTI, INSSO, UKCES and BIS
- Focussed a joined up approach providing system-to-system solutions that added value to all providers
- Matched funding – to be discussed
- Quality – provision and awards
- Strengthen progression routes through FE and HE
- Long term, effective Governance of FFGS
- Based on accurate and updated market intelligence
- Sustainable and meaningful

UK VET International Strategy



- Need for a single brand that captures the qualities and offer of UK Skills – GIZ, TAFE
- A lot of good work is happening internationally but there would be value in bringing this together
- Need for a more coordinated approach with Government and other stakeholders
- Whatever we do needs to add value and not inhibit the progress we have made
- Need for good up to date market intelligence
- Sustainable and built on a firm business model
- Need for a central operational unit

UKBA update

- A number of HTS revocations have been overturned
- On going concerns from the sector on communication, lack of understanding and uncertain interpretation of legislation
- Fall out from LMU- ramifications for UK's reputation
- Recent BIS report that pushes for removal of international students from overall immigration figures. Willetts' recent announcement is encouraging
- BIS is running a study on effect of immigration legislation on FE
- AoC now has regular meetings with UKBA to encourage better communication and understanding of our sector
- Push for a warning system rather than immediate revocation
- Pilot programme for enhanced HTS membership service
- SELT tests been overturned following interview – ramifications for HTS
- Visa refusals in HTS calculations especially when overturn a valid SELT

Market update

- China – UKCPIE programme is starting with the Principals’ shadowing scheme – EOIs needed now!
- India – UKIERI – next call for funding coming out soon. Possibly looking for larger scale projects
- AoC India Office will be launched in January – 30 to 32 Colleges participating
- Brazil – negotiations with British Council and CAPES to extend Science without Borders to Colleges
- Indonesia and Saudi Arabia – BIS partnership programmes being established
- TVTC all for EOI in College partnerships (TVET)
- China partnership opportunity through the British Council
- New markets – growing number of students from Colombia
- EU funding changes

AoC update



- Working with Colleges
- Lobbying UKBA
- Working with BIS and Govt's international strategy
- India and Brazil
- Working with international and UK stakeholders to promote FE Colleges' international opportunities
- Developing links with EU and WFCP partners
- Exploring new markets
- Research into Skills Sector's international activity
- Supporting national and regional networks

Up coming events



- 20th -22nd November AoC Conference - Birmingham
- UK Naric Conference 13th November – London
- FE Forum – 5th December
- 10th -11th December British Council Conference – Manchester