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On February 18, the Conference was held under the theme "Adapting Azerbaijan National Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning" of Azerbaijan Republic to the requirements of European Higher Education Area and "European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning" within the framework of the twinning project entitled "Support to the Ministry of Education for further adherence of the higher education system to the European Higher Education Area" implemented by the Ministry of Education.

The event was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the State Students Admission Commission (SSAC), employees of the representative office of the European Union in Azerbaijan, higher and primary vocational-professional education institutions, and experts of the Twinning project, the European Training Foundation, the World Bank.

The main objective of the Conference is to discuss issues related to the content, objectives and tasks of "Azerbaijan National Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning", as well as the measures to be implemented at state and institutional levels for the execution of this document.

Natig Ibrahimov, Deputy Head of the Department of Science, Higher and Specialized Secondary Education of the Ministry of Education, delivered a speech at the Conference and provided detailed information on the preparation of "Azerbaijan National Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning", its legal basis, basic principles, structure and the measures to be taken for its implementation.

It was noted that in accordance with the document entitled "European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning" proposed by the European Union, a Working Group for the Preparation of "National Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning" was established according to the order of the Minister of Education in 2010. The specialists of the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the State Students Admission Commission (SSAC) and the representatives of higher education institutions were included in the Working Group. Taking into account that this document is important for the development of the educational system and the labor market in our country, the preparation of the National Qualifications Framework was reflected in the "National Strategy for the Development of Education in the Republic of Azerbaijan", approved by the Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Then, the speakers noted that the preparation of this document would enable our country to adapt to European standards in terms of determining educational programs for all educational stages and levels and identifying learners' knowledge, skills and competencies. This, in turn, will contribute to the mobility of students and the recognition of educational documents abroad.

The National Qualifications Framework was submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers for approval.