

FLASH REPORT

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Title of the event

Torino Process 2018-20 in Kosovo: policy-makers roundtable

Main objective/s of the event

- To discuss the evidence and preliminary findings of the 5th Torino Process Report (NRF)
- To identify remaining information to be compiled
- To Agree on the next steps and timeframe

Background

The fifth round of the Torino Process in Kosovo was announced to the main stakeholders in November 2018. Since then, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST), assisted by an expert contracted by the ETF, launched the consultations with stakeholders, to collect relevant data and evidence and to compile the National Reporting Framework (NRF). A first draft of the NRF was produced and submitted to the MEST for comments. Torino Process intelligence provides important inputs to the wider European Commission programming, planning and monitoring processes related to Kosovo.

Short introduction / description of the event

Around 40 participants took part in the event organised in Prishtina on 31/1/2019 with the participation of public and private sector and international donors' representatives. The event was chaired by Valbona Fetiu-Mjeku, Acting Head of the VET Department at the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. Opening statements were made by: a) the Deputy Minister of Education, Science and Technology Hestet Sahiti as to the importance of VET as one of the top priorities of the Government of Kosovo, as a key to the country economic development; b) Arlinda Beka, Advisor to the Minister of Education, Science and Technology and Torino Process National Coordinator, who stressed on the importance of the recommendations included in the Torino Process report to help the implementation of the system reform; and c) by Carmo Gomes, Head of the ETF's Country Intelligence Unit, who thanked all the partners involved in this first phase of data gathering and analysis, which will allow the ETF to proceed with the assessment of the Kosovo VET system, looking at its strengths and weaknesses, and at how to address eventual gaps and challenges.

KEY OUTCOMES / CONCLUSIONS

- The main issues raised in the report and discussed further at the event were: a) institutional arrangements and strategic planning in VET; b) Work-Based Learning (WBL) as a key element to involve private sector and foster collaboration and partnership between VET providers and businesses; c) skills for economic development.
- Improvements points raised in particular by the working groups at the event relate to: increased school autonomy in networking with private sector and in the drafting of

strategies; establishment of coordination mechanisms to bring sustainability to WBL, and role of the legislation in addressing challenges linked to economic development.

- Issues from the Torino Process intelligence to be shared within the EU-Kosovo SAA Sub-Committee meeting on 'Innovation, information society and social policy' on 7 February in Brussels.

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