

FLASH REPORT

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Title of the event

Torino Process Policy Makers Roundtable in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Main objective/s of the event

- Disseminate and discuss preliminary findings of the fifth Torino Process Report (country report (NRF))
- Identify remaining information to be compiled
- Agree on the next steps and timeframe.

Background

The fifth round of Torino Process in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) was announced on 7 November 2018 in Sarajevo. Since then the Ministry of Civil Affairs (MoCA), assisted by an expert contracted by the ETF, launched consultations with stakeholders from all entities, with a view to collect relevant data and evidence. A first draft of the state-wide reporting framework was produced and submitted to the MoCA for comments. Torino Process intelligence provides important inputs to wider European Commission planning and monitoring processes related to BiH.

Short introduction/description of the event

Some 30 participants took part to the event organised in Mostar with the participation of public and private sector representatives from Republika Srpska, Federation of BiH, including cantons and Brcko District. The meeting was chaired by Vesna Puratic, senior advisor for education at the Ministry of Civil Affairs, with opening statements as to importance of human capital developments for BiH preparations to join the European Union by Aida Duric, Head of European Integration at the Ministry of Civil Affairs.

KEY OUTCOMES / CONCLUSIONS

- The report will be submitted to the Council of Education Ministers of BiH as a basis to establish the main state-level priorities
- Main issues raised in the report and discussed further at the meeting were: a) selective policy enrolment; b) high drop-out, c) career guidance, d) active labour market measures, involvement, e) capacity of social partners in VET reforms, and f) institutional arrangements.
- Improvement points raised in particular by working groups were: a) all authorities require support for strategic planning; b) importance of parental and teacher engagement in career guidance and counselling; c) capacity building and financial incentives for employers to improve employability of VET graduates; e) improved data collection and consolidation.
- Issues from Torino Process intelligence to be shared into European Commission-BiH SAA Sub-Committee on "Innovation, information society and social policy" on 13 February 2019.

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