

FLASH REPORT

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Title of the event

TORINO PROCESS 2018-20 IN MONTENEGRO: WORKING GROUP MEETING

Main objectives of the event

- to discuss the preliminary findings and evidence collected so far and identify remaining information to be compiled as inputs to the Process 2018-20 country report, and
- to agree on the next steps and timeframe.

Background

ETF launched the first round of Torino Process in 2010. In 2018-2020, the Torino Process will be implemented for the fifth time (previous rounds took place in 2010-11, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2016-17). Montenegro has participated in all rounds.

The fifth round of Torino Process in Montenegro was announced to the main stakeholders during a mission of ETF in Podgorica in autumn 2018. Since then the Ministry of Education has launched the consultations with stakeholders (Torino Process Working Group, list of members attached), with a view to collect relevant data and evidence and compiling the NRF (National Reporting Framework). The Co-ordinator of the Torino Working Group submitted the first draft of the NRF on 4 February to the ETF. The ETF country team provided comments to the Montenegrin counterparts as input for the discussions of the 6 March meeting and to support the finalisation of the NRF as a "stand-alone product" of the Torino Process assessment package.

Short introduction/description of the event

The meeting was a working meeting of the Montenegrin Torino Process WG and took place in the Ministry of Education. All members of the WG attended the meeting, except for the Ministry of Finance. The meeting was opened by the Director General for Vocational and Adult Education and closed by the EUD together with ETF and the Ministry of Education.

The Torino Process co-ordinator shared the main findings and next steps and so did the ETF assessor. This was the main input for discussions in smaller groups and by NRF build block and a final feed-back round in plenary to confirm priorities and next steps.

KEY OUTCOMES / CONCLUSIONS

The meeting has confirmed strong commitment of the Montenegrin counterparts for the Torino Process. There were discussions on why policy interventions were decided and if implementation has worked. As a follow-up to the meeting, the ETF has provided final comments on the NRF on 13 March 2019 for a final NRF by end March. The ETF local expert will support the WG in this exercise. The ETF will draft the ETF assessment in April and will share the draft findings with the WG. The EUD stressed the importance of the Torino Process for Programming IPA 2020 (which is ongoing) as well as for IPA III.

The ETF stressed the importance to assess not only IVET, but also CVT and the relevance of the TRP for programming future interventions, the new post 2020 VET strategy, as well as the Ministerial (PET meeting) in June. Also access to data and information is a pre-requisite for a sound ETF assessment.

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