

FLASH REPORT

Event name

Torino Process Launching event in Tunisia – 25 April 2019, Tunis

Main objective/s of the event

- To get familiar with the Torino Process (TRP) 2018/20 objectives and strategic orientations as well as with the TRP National Reporting Framework (NRF)
- To discuss and agree on policy added value of TRP in the country and define the calendar of implementation and relevant key stakeholders to be involved in the preparation and consultations.

Background

The launch of the 5th round of the Torino process took place in Tunis the 25 April 2019 with the participation of a wide range of stakeholders. The MFPE (Ministry of VET and Employment) and other VET providers Ministries, private sector and social partners. The new orientation of the process targets the human capital development challenges and how national policies are addressing them. The analysis will also tackle the policy gaps and provide strategic recommendations for improvement. In Tunisia, by promoting policy dialogue among stakeholders, the Torino Process supports the country's efforts to bridge the gap between education and work by bringing employers round the table to discuss their involvement in vocational education and training and how skills development can be better aligned to the needs of business sectors. TRP5 will be also implemented at sub-national level in the 8 regions covered by the EU programme IRADA.

Short introduction/description of the event

Around 25 participants took part to the event organised in Tunis with the participation of public and private sector representatives as well as social partners namely the UGTT and CONNECT representatives. The meeting was opened by the Director general of ONEQ (MFPE), Mr Fakher Zaibi, TRP5 national coordinator who highlighted the importance of the TRP for VET policy review and reform. Thierry Foubert, ETF Country Coordinator in Tunisia, has highlighted the high level of ownership of the TRP as a self-evaluation by the MFPE and underlined the added value of TRP in terms of strategic planning for EU and other donors. Aziz Jaouani presented the new TRP strategic orientation and explained the main new features focusing on the NRF and ETF assessment.

KEY OUTCOMES / CONCLUSIONS

- Importance of TRP and its utilisation through the publication of the national TRP report, measurement of the progress made and concrete actions in follow up of its findings by the MFPE and partners.
- Tunisian ambition to further enhance the quality of the report and its evidence-based principle in particular (i.e. qualitative and quantitative evidences).
- The stakeholders expressed their appreciation for the TRP as a momentum to discuss the implementation of the Tunisian VET reform.
- The MFPE and participants appreciated the new scope of human capital dimension and the analysis of VET in LLL perspective introduced in this 5th round of TRP
- During the debate new developments such as migration, high number of NEET youth, university graduates unemployment, etc. were brought up and will be discussed in more detail in the respective working groups.

- The social partners present, ranging from employer to trade unions, expressed their appreciation for their inclusion in the TRP debate and underlined the need for enhancement involvement of social partners in VET policy development and debates at an equal footing with government actors. As such, the trade union stressed the importance of the newly set-up Social Dialogue Council for the development of VET related policies (Conseil National du Dialogue Social).
- The relevant stakeholders engaged in various working groups and already started the 2018-2020 self-assessment. A calendar of activities for implementation has been agreed and a restitution workshop is set for 20 June 2019.
- Following the pioneering work in the previous edition, the TRP self-assessment will also be implemented at regional level within the 8 regions supported by the EU funded IRADA project. A workshop is foreseen in this regard on 16 May 2019.

MAIN MILESTONES

	Dates/Period
TRP5 launch	25/04/2019 - Tunis
Re-establishing TRP working groups	25 April 2019
Regional: 1st sub-national workshop with the 8 IRADA regions	16 May 2019
Regional: 2nd and 3rd sub-national workshop with the 8 IRADA regions	11 July and October 2019
Presentation and discussion of outcomes of the working groups	20 June 2019
Consultations on NRF at national level and drafting of national report	April-September 2019
Consolidation of NRF by national coordinator and working groups, sent to ETF	September 2019
Finalisation of NRF	October 2019
ETF assessment	November 2019-February 2020
Event in Tunisia to present and discuss the TRP results	Second Quarter 2020

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