

FLASH REPORT

Title of the event

Torino Process 2018-2020 Discussion Meeting: Key Issues and Recommendations from the ETF report in Bosnia I Herzegovina (10 April)

Main objective/s of the event

Following previous discussion and the preparation of the BiH Torino Process Report, the objective of this meeting is to present the key issues and preliminary recommendations from the ETF issue paper. More specifically, at the meeting,

- ETF will present the key achievements and challenges for human capital development in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Participants will discuss the above and preliminary recommendations proposed by ETF
- Specific actions will be agreed to complete the Torino process in Bosnia I Herzegovina

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) as appointed Torino process coordinating institution, assisted by an expert contracted by the ETF, launched consultations with stakeholders from all entities, with a view to collect of relevant data and evidence. A first draft of the state-wide reporting framework was produced and submitted to the MoCA for comments. A second NRF discussion meeting took place in January in Mostar to finalise the NRF. The meeting in April aims to build on those consultations and move forward on the process towards an agreement on key findings and recommendations of the ETF assessment

The results of the Torino Process provides inputs to EU programming and monitoring processes related to BiH.

Short introduction/description of the event

Some 30 participants took part to the event organised in Sarajevo the 10 April with the participation of public and private sector representatives from Republika Srpska, Federation of BiH, including cantons and Brcko District as well as EU Delegation representatives.

The meeting was opened by Adnan Husic Assistant Minister (of the Ministry of Civil Affairs) as Torino process coordinating institution chaired by ETF.

ETF presented the main findings of the NRF prepared by the national stakeholders with the support of an external expert and the ETF preliminary findings and recommendations. An intensive discussion followed up on both the NRF and preliminary proposals of ETF. In reference to qualifications developments, a representative of APOS0 (state institution for education) underlined the lack of readiness of the education institutions to move forward with a state-wide qualifications framework. EUD stressed the importance of focusing on measurement of progress on developments..

As part of the conclusions, it was agreed that recommendations in the ETF assessment should be articulated in terms of BIH approximation to EU policies, institutional arrangements and practice. The importance of small-scale successes should be emphasised as a way to build confidence in policy and institutional progress and achievement.

KEY OUTCOMES / CONCLUSIONS

- Most of the TRP5 entity coordinators declared not having been consulted on the previous drafts of the NRF
- Most of comments of public authorities representatives were related to the issue of updated data and the need to introduce reference to local initiatives happening in their respective

entities. They are invited to contact the national coordinator and/or the local expert for inclusion of these initiatives as well as for provision of updated data

- Private sector representatives praised the relevance of both the NRF and ETF proposals and the need to include concrete actions to address them
- A timetable for the follow up actions has been agreed for both NRF completion and ETF assessment report

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