

FLASH REPORT

EVENT NAME

Torino process 2018-2020 launch event for the Kyrgyz Republic

MAIN OBJECTIVE/S

- To get familiar with the Torino Process 2018-20 objectives and strategic orientations;
- To present and familiarise with the Torino Process National Reporting Framework - NRF (framework of analysis) and clarify any questions on the NRF
- To present the ETF assessment as a new part of this cycle
- To discuss and agree on policy added value of Torino Process in the country
- To confirm the calendar of implementation
- To gain experience with joint assessment, based upon some selected NRF questions
- To collect input on regional dialogue on education and skills

BACKGROUND

The Kyrgyz Republic has participated in the Torino process since 2010. In the 2018-2020 cycle, full ownership of the Torino process is with the national key stakeholders. For the first time, the preparation of the National Reporting Framework will be taken on by a team of experts representing key national stakeholders.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

On 5 April 2019 the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic and the European Training Foundation launched the fifth round of the Torino Process in the Kyrgyz Republic. In their opening addresses, the deputy minister of Education and Science and National Torino Process coordinator, Kudaiberdy Kozhobekov and the Head of the EU Delegation in the Kyrgyz Republic highlighting the importance of national ownership for the Torino Process, and the role the process can play in the monitoring and assessment of VET reform as well as in the definition of medium-term objectives and new developments in VET and skills development.

KEY OUTCOMES/CONCLUSIONS

The Kyrgyz Republic is currently implementing the final action programme within the 2012-2020 Education Development Strategy. It is also developing the Education Development Strategy 2030 and the action programme for 2021-2023. It is expected that the 2019 Torino Process assessment as a whole as well as specific thematic discussions with stakeholders can inform the work on the Strategy.

The event provided an opportunity to examine to which extent Torino Process recommendations had been implemented.

Participants had the opportunity to review the Torino Process principles (ownership, participation, a holistic view on skills and VET, assessment based on evidence) and to decide how they, and their organisation could contribute to the 2019 assessment.

The ETF introduced the National Reporting Framework (NRF) and the ETF assessment, as a new element in the fifth round. This was followed by an extensive working session, that covered the methodological approach of the Framework and then progressed to group work. Each group examined one VET policy area covered by the NRF and presented their findings on the current situation, challenges faced and an assessment of recent developments. The group work can be seen as a first input to the 2019 National Reporting Framework.

Participants agreed on the timetable for the completion of the National Reporting Framework: Discussion and focus group work involving stakeholders are expected to take place until July 2019. Two consultation meetings on draft versions of the Framework will be hosted by the Ministry of Education in September (first draft) and December (final draft), providing a further possibility to stakeholders to contribute to the content but also jointly review conclusions and recommendations. The ETF assessment will be presented to stakeholders by spring 2020.

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