

Title of the event

Torino Process Round 5 (TRP5) Launch in Uzbekistan, Tashkent; Gulistan - Sirdarya Region; Khanabad,- Andijan Region.

Main objectives of the event

- Together with Uzbek Torino Process Coordinator and team, to gather National and International Stakeholders in Vocational Training and Skills in the launch of the National and Regional TRP5
- To present the novelties and ambitions of the TRP5 cycle
- To work on elements of the building blocks of the Framework
- To explain upcoming Central Asian - EU cooperation in Higher and Vocational Education
- To gather input and suggestions for ETF proposals within the Action Document for this work.

Background

The fifth round of Torino Process in Uzbekistan was previously announced in March 2019 in Tashkent, by the Centre for Vocational Education and Training (CVE) under the Ministry for Higher Education and Specialised Secondary Education and Training (MSSVE). including a media dissemination and National television. This launch was assisted by the ETF Country Coordinator and Statistical expert, brought together some 50 of the National and International Stakeholders with a view to collect of relevant data and evidence. A workplan was also signed between the MSSVE and ETF Director. The TRP5 team in Uzbekistan will also work at the regional level with two regions, Sirdarya and Andijan. Two regions which the Presidential Development strategy has assigned particular objectives in the development of innovation and cooperation clusters between business, schools, colleges, universities and regional administration. Uzbekistan is keen to show these actions within international cooperation and events.

Short introduction/description of the events (3)

In the National event, some 50 participants took part in Tashkent City with the participation of national and regional stakeholders, International organisations and some businesses. The meeting was opened by the First Deputy Minister from the MSSVE and followed by a welcome keynote by the deputy head of EU delegation to Uzbekistan. The event was chaired the TRP5 team comprising Coordinator, Senior Policy Advisor and supported by a TRP project team comprising teachers from the Uzbek Teachers Association (UzTea) and new partner, the Majorat and Management consulting team. Innovatively, many of these were students working on TRP as part of their leadership programme projects. This including a number of social and conventional media dissemination.

In the Andijan event, held in the newly opened border town of Khanabad, the host, the Mayor and local administration, teachers and students (some 150+) learned about the Torino process as an International policy dialogue project between their Government and the EU - with the ETF agency. This, within the President's development strategy, comprising International cooperation, regional development and modernisation of skills and training.

In the Sirdarya regional event, held in the Agricultural Lyceum, some 40 participants, some having joined the national event, explored in more detail the work of the TRP5 in working groups using structured questions on the building blocks localised into Uzbek by the TRP team.

KEY OUTCOMES / CONCLUSIONS

- These events underline the country's commitment to the TRP5 and the relevance of the TRP5 to their National and regional development strategies. The first draft of the report will be ready in September/October and finalised as planned in November/December.
- The CVE and their sub-national partners in Sirdarya and Andijan regions are very interested in TRP work but are not anticipating to develop independent reports – more probably to contribute Annexes to main report and reflections on how the CVE can roll-out TRP5+ to further UZ-regions in 2020
- Particular efforts are being made by the UZ TRP team to localise the TRP materials into Uzbek - CEO video, questions, presentations and methodology.

- The main issues the report will reveal concern the emerging legal framework for training and skills in the country, from Presidential decrees, regional development, innovation in clusters between business and education, international projects, including the forthcoming EU-UZ Agriculture sector project which ETF has successfully support the specification [this project will proceed to implementation in 2020 – ETF and TRP tools will certainly assist in this however there are no EUDEL plans currently to propose working with ETF on a TRP-Sector analysis in Agriculture].

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