

FLASH REPORT

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Event name

Discussion of first outcomes of Torino Process 2018-2020 (TRP5) sub-national in 8 regions in Tunisia, Tabarka 11 September 2019

Main objective/s of the event

- First restitution of the analyses carried out by the regions based on the adapted National Reporting Framework (NRF);
- Further clarify the use of the analytical framework and address specific interrogations about it;
- Sharing good practices and possible obstacles on the process implementation by region;
- Confirm the timetable and agree on the following key steps and stakeholders to involve in the consultations at the regional level.

Background

Tunisia has been active in TRP since its start in 2010 and witnessed a high level of ownership both for the national and subnational levels. The subnational started in 2016 by 3 regions (Sfax, Medenine and Gabes) and enlarged in 2018 to the 8 regions covered by the EU funded programme IRADA. TRP5 in Tunisia supports policy dialogue among stakeholders and the country's efforts to bridge the gap between education and work by bringing employers around the table to discuss their involvement in vocational education and training (VET) and how skills development can be better aligned to the needs of business sectors. At sub-national level it also supports the preparation of the ongoing regionalisation process in the country.

Short introduction/description of the event

This second workshop has gathered the same stakeholders (around 30 participants) from the 8 regions as the launching event in Sfax on the 16 May representing the directorates regional of the MFPE, IRADA and ONEQ. The meeting was opened by the Director general of ONEQ (MFPE), Mr Fakher Zaibi, who is the TRP5 national coordinator for Tunisia. In his speech he highlighted the importance of the TRP for VET policy review and reform. Mr Aziz Jaouani, the ETF TRP5 Coordinator highlighted the high level of ownership of the Torino Process in Tunisia and this both at national and subnational levels. He applauded the involvement of the MFPE in this self-evaluation and underlined the added value of TRP as a tool for strategic planning and monitoring and evaluation for the country, regions as well as for EU and other donors active in skills development. The representatives from the 8 regions first presented in the context in which the process has been implemented (stakeholders involvement, resources, data availability etc.) and then indicated the main outcomes for each of the 5 building blocks.

KEY OUTCOMES ACTION POINTS

- Good progress in all regions of the analysis; with the following challenges:
 - Lack of resources to organise the meetings
 - Difficulty in mobilising (motivation) of some stakeholders due to the non-institutionalisation of the process, lack of resources of regional directors, etc.
 - Period of the implementation coinciding with holidays (June-august)
 - Non-restitution of the previous TRP outcomes to stakeholders
- The TRP creates a good momentum to discuss the implementation of the Tunisian VET reform and constitute a real platform for policy dialogue, both at national and regional level.

- During the debate issues such as the high number of NEET youth, informality, drop-out high rates, immigration, financing, schools autonomy, etc., were highlighted and discussed.
- The following actions, to address the above, have been agreed:
 - Prepare participation attestations for the different stakeholders to be co-signed by ONEQ-ETF
 - Mention the names of stakeholders contributing to the process in the regional reports
 - Organise events for the dissemination of outcomes to the stakeholders (ETF to see how to organise this giving the budget limitation – could be in January-February so 2020 budget)
 - Reinforce the capacity of the main stakeholders to optimise their involvement (IRADA-Becha will come with a proposal)
 - IRADA-Becha will ensure that the stakeholders meetings costs are covered by IRADA
 - The third and last workshop will be organised beginning of November (place still to be decided). The cost of this event will be covered by IRADA. Final discussion of the reports before their finalisation and dissemination
 - The timetable for both national and regional processes has been updated as follows:

Main milestones	Dates/Period
TRP5 launch	25 April 2019 - Tunis
Re-establishing TRP working groups	25 April 2019
Regional: 1 st sub-national workshop with the 8 IRADA regions	16 May 2019
Regional: 2nd and 3rd sub-national workshops with the 8 IRADA regions	11 September and November 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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