**FLASH REPORT**

### Event name

**Ensuring sustainability of ETF bridging support to Ukraine (2016-2019), 15 April 2020**

### Main objective/s

To introduce the results of the ETF work to the team of the EU4Skills Project and discuss it with experts and key beneficiaries present at the seminar in view of sustaining and further developing these results.

### Background

In 2016 Ukraine entered into an intensive period of reforms towards a competency-based decentralised education and training system. These developments happened largely without donor support. ETF therefore decided early on to provide bridging support until an EU programme would be in place.

During the last three years 2016-2019 the ETF support has been concentrated around the following main areas: NQF implementation plan and development and establishment of the National Qualifications Agency; Development of occupational standards, professional qualifications and independent assessment including qualification centres; Development of education standards, education programmes and modular competence-based training programmes; Support to decentralisation of VET: optimisation of the VET schools network and the role of regional VET Councils; Public Private Partnerships and VET schools autonomy and accountability.

ETF has been working with national experts and institutions building as much as possible on existing capacities. The approach has been process oriented working with national stakeholders, rather than result oriented, taking the time to clarify and agree common concepts. This has resulted in strategic, policy and methodological documents and tools that have been elaborated by Ukrainian stakeholders and experts. In cooperation with the EU Delegation and the European Commission, ETF contributed to the preparation, identification and formulation of the EU4Skills Project which since July 2019 has been implemented in Ukraine.

### SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

The participants of the workshop included the team of the EU4Skills Project, including German, Estonian, and Finnish representatives, representatives of the VET Directorate of the Ministry of Education and Science, the National Qualifications Agency and national experts who were involved in implementation of ETF activities, in total around 50. The workshop had 2 main speakers: Arjen Deij who presented outcomes of the ETF support to development of qualifications system and Jose Manuel Galvin Arrbas, who covered VET schools governance and public private partnership. The presentations followed by short discussions. Brief update on recent developments (e.g. VET Law) was provided by the VET Directorate. Extensive volume of materials was shared through the blog ETF Bridging support to Ukraine created on Open Space. The link shared with participants before the event. It should be noted that all the reports and deliverables have been shared and discussed with Ukrainian stakeholders throughout the years. The webinar was more aimed to summarise the ETF support and to present it and discuss particularly with the EU project team.

### KEY OUTCOMES/CONCLUSIONS

The ETF contributions and the participative approach followed by ETF has helped to create a foundation but the EU4Skills project is needed to develop these further and upscale them. There is a work plan for the EU4Skills project that will take account and build on the ETF work. According to GIZ, the COVID19 situation is moving the project more to a main streaming approach, e.g. for the teacher training. The website infrastructure of VET schools may need improvement to make this possible in all schools. In the next steering committee these issues will be discussed. The European Commission and the Ministry of Education both underline the importance of using more remote measures that needs strengthening and integrated in the learning process. ETF will deal with the content monitoring of the EU4Skills project and we will follow these developments.

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