

FLASH REPORT

WEBINAR: WORKING TOGETHER ON VET GOOD MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE IN MOLDOVA: DISCUSSING MID-TERM ACHIEVEMENTS FOR MOVING FORWARD AGENDA 30 June 2020

The Ministry of Education Culture and Research (MECR) of the Republic of Moldova and the European Training Foundation (ETF) are working together very closely, since the beginning of 2020, on assessing effectiveness -and efficiency- of VET system in Moldova.

This is being done using ETF VET Good Multilevel Governance toolbox (1). The review of institutional arrangements of VET system in the country addressing the key areas of VET good multilevel governance and financing are key pillars of this -joint- work.

The way of implementing ETF methodological tools to support on conducting a review of VET system in the country addressing its institutional settings and performance, was discussed and agreed with Moldovan high-level stakeholders, during a workshop held in Chisinau (18 February 2020) (2).

A big array of public institutions, bodies, councils, committees, key social partners and development organisations has been consulted and surveyed in the course of this review. In total, about 40 institutions/organisations and/or their units have been engaged in this important exercise for informing on and support of the best future of VET policies and system in Moldova.

The ETF team -and stakeholders in Moldova- had to show resilience to COVID19 crisis. In this respect, the methodology to conduct this review was shifted to be implemented in on-line mode. The review has been implemented via mixture of desk research and field -on-line- work. However, spite these circumstances, a solid report has been delivered providing a strong evidence basis, which can be used by the policy makers for further discussing and, perhaps, to further taking sound decisions.

Objectives -and expectations- on the webinar

The objectives of the webinar were:

- Discussing among ETF and key stakeholders, preliminary findings on the review of VET institutional arrangements conducted in Moldova.
- Introducing and agree on next phase through collection of smart feedbacks from main stakeholders to moving ahead.

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(²) See please: <https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/events/launching-policy-discussion-vet-skills-and-multi-level-governance-moldova>

- Validating the work done by ETF experts in cooperation with relevant stakeholders, as well on informing -and agree- on the modality of advice which shall be most useful for the country using the work done so far.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

The on-line event was smoothly implemented in very effective manner. The agenda was managed in time indeed. The ETF shared main findings of the VET governance review in the country which were very well acknowledged by participants. The review is timely as per current debates on next strategic framework for the country and the role to play by vocational education and training.

KEY OUTCOMES/CONCLUSIONS

The agreed next steps to follow are based on deliver an advisory report (end of November) which should address following components/sections:

- Propose scenarios and new architecture for institutional reform in the country addressing system change.
- Review critically some practices and processes linked to key policy areas that are currently shaping VET reforms in the country (e.g NQF, Q.A, WBL, financing etc.), as key drivers for having more efficient and effective VET system.
- Use ETF VET governance inventory 4.0 to wrap up assessment of key institutions and actors (around 40 informants) and support further ETF monitoring of vET system in the country.
- Make a thorough selection of European and international practices to support selected scenarios for instituional reformrs and policy learning.

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