

# AGENDA

## ANNUAL REGIONAL FORUM ON WORK- BASED LEARNING IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES

ONLINE

21 AND 28 OCTOBER 2020

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### SUMMARY

Work-based learning (WBL) is a key priority in VET policies of the European Union, its Member States and in many ETF partner countries. Improving work-based learning in VET is considered one of the key strategies to improve youth employment and employability, to better match VET provision with skills needs of companies and to improve overall relevance and attractiveness of VET.

The outcomes of several ETF initiatives confirmed the high value of networking and peer learning between partner countries in the region. It also showed the benefit of sharing information between stakeholders in view of policy development and implementation of work-based learning in the countries.

In this perspective, the ETF supports the policy dialogue with the countries in the region through the organisation of Annual Regional Forums for WBL in VET. In 2020 Regional Forum is organised by the ETF under Eastern Partnership Platform 4 “Mobility and People-to-People contacts”. Given continuing pandemic situation, this year the event will be delivered in online format. Therefore, the programme has been adjusted to the online format and will include fewer sessions, as compared to the traditional ETF WBL Forum.

During the period since the last Forum in October 2019 the countries continued to work on the implementation of their strategies to improve WBL and some important developments took place, including strategic, legal, organisational, experimentations. Some interesting experiences and models arose from the necessity to adapt provision of training to the conditions of lockdown. The Annual Forum aims to capture and share these recent developments, including good practices and lessons learnt and to look in the future.

### **Forum objectives:**

1. To share information on progress in the development of WBL and good practices in six countries of Eastern Partnership since the last Forum, from October 2019 until October 2020. In particular:
  - new strategies or update on implementation of on-going strategies, new mechanisms, legislation, regulations;
  - new experimentations and pilots;
  - new large donor programmes to support VET and how they address the issues of work-based learning or update on implementation of on-going projects;
  - how COVID pandemic influenced organisation of WBL: has it been postponed? Has some of it been provided online? To share successful practices and lessons learnt.
2. To identify common challenges and to discuss how to respond to them;
3. To reflect and discuss on future steps in WBL development, identify priorities for the next year 2021.

Working languages of the event will be English and Russian.

## 21 OCTOBER 2020 – 8:00-11:25 CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME

Time	Name of the session	Speaker/ Moderator
8:00 – 8:05	Technical instructions- exploring Webex interface	Mara Arno, ETF
8:05 –8:10	Welcome and Introduction	Xavier Matheu de Cortada Head of Policy Unit, ETF
8:10 – 8:20	Introduction to the programme: Setting the scene	Didier Gélibert, ETF
8: 20– 8:50	<b>Progress in WBL development in six countries of EaP First Panel</b>	
	Key developments in Azerbaijan	Nigar Ismayilzada-Asgarova, State Agency for Vocational Education at the Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan
	Key developments in Belarus	Natallia Halubouskaya, Republican Institute of Vocational Education
	Key developments in Moldova	Victoria Mereacre, Ministry of Education, Culture and Research of Republic of Moldova
8:50 -9: 05	Short questions: Key answers Round 1	Facilitator: Inna Dergunova, ETF
9:05 –9:15	Coffee Break	
9:15– 9: 55	<b>Progress of WBL developments in six countries of EaP Second Panel</b>	
	Key developments in Georgia	Tamar Kitiashvili, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia
	Key developments in Armenia	Artak Aghbalyan, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Armenia
	Key developments in Ukraine	Halyna Ponomarova, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine; Andrii Lukasevych, Ukrainian Federation of Metallurgists
	Key developments in Kazakhstan	Representative of Kazakhstan
9: 55– 10.15	Short questions: Key answers Round 2	Facilitator: Didier Gélibert, ETF
10.15–10: 25	Technical Break	

<b>10.25– 10:55</b>	<b>Break-out groups – Looking ahead WBL: main lessons from the Covid-19 crisis</b>	Facilitators: Didier Gélibert, ETF Stefan Thomas, ETF Christine Hemschemeier, ETF Timo Kuusela, ETF
<b>10:55–11: 15</b>	<b>Feedback from Break-out groups</b>	Facilitator: Inna Dergunova
<b>11:15 –11:25</b>	Wrap-up of the Session 1 and introduction to the second Session - Closing remarks	Didier Gélibert, ETF

## 28 OCTOBER 2020 – 8:00-10:40 CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME

<b>Time</b>	<b>Name of the session</b>	<b>Speaker/ Moderator</b>
<b>08:00 –08:05</b>	Welcome and Introduction	Xavier Matheu de Cortada Head of Policy Unit ETF
<b>08:05 –08:15</b>	Setting the scene session 2	Didier Gelibert, ETF
<b>08: 15– 8:50</b>	<b>Country priorities for WBL development for the next period for 2021</b>	
	Key WBL priorities in Azerbaijan	Nigar Ismayilzada-Asgarova, State Agency for Vocational Education at the Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan
	Key WBL priorities in Belarus	Natallia Halubouskaya, Republican Institute of Vocational Education
	Key WBL priorities in Moldova	Victoria Mereacre, Ministry of Education, Culture and Research of Republic of Moldova
<b>8:50 –9:05</b>	<b>Short Questions: Key answers Round 1</b>	Facilitator: Inna Dergunova, ETF
<b>9:05– 9:20</b>	Coffee Break	
<b>9:20– 10:00</b>	<b>Country priorities for WBL development for the next period for 2021</b>	
	Key WBL priorities in Georgia	Nikoloz Meskhishvili VET Expert, Representative of Georgia
	Key WBL priorities in Armenia	Armine Poghosyan, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Armenia

	Key WBL priorities in Ukraine	Halyna Ponomarova, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine; Andrii Lukasevych, Ukrainian Federation of Metallurgists
	Key WBL priorities in Kazakhstan	Representative of Kazakhstan
<b>10:00-10:15</b>	<b>Short Questions: Key answers Round 2</b>	Facilitator: Didier Gelibert, ETF
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	Looking forward to the future of work-based learning and apprenticeship in Europe	Oliver Diehl Assistant Head of Division, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany
<b>10:30-10:40</b>	Introduction to the next Forum and Closing remarks	Xavier Matheu de Cortada, ETF