

FLASH REPORT

Event name

Torino Process 2018-2020 Online Dissemination workshop: Key findings and recommendations from the national report and the ETF assessment for Palestine.

30 November 2020, 10:00 – 12:30

Main objectives

This online workshop was part of the Torino Process 2019-2020 dissemination phase. It had the primary objective to discuss findings and policy recommendations resulting from the TRP national report of Palestine and the ETF assessment on Human Capital Development (HCD), representing the main outcomes of the process.

Specific objectives of the workshop were the following:

- *Share with participants the key findings of the national report and the ETF assessment;*
- *Discuss recommendations;*
- *Identify possible actions to address the recommendations, in line with current and planned reforms in education and training.*

Background

The launch of the 5th round of the Torino Process took place in Ramallah in February 2019 with the participation of a wide range of stakeholders. Afterwards, different working groups were set-up to prepare a report according to five key building blocks of the National Reporting Framework (NRF), proposed by ETF to all the partner countries participating in this round of Torino Process. The working groups worked separately around the different questions. In addition, several workshops were held to share information and to further elaborate the Torino Process National Report under the guidance of the national expert, Ms Randa Hilal, and the Torino Process National Coordinator, Mr. Nidal Ayesh. During this TRP round, also stakeholders from Gaza were involved and therefore more information (quantitative and qualitative) on the TVET sector covering Gaza was provided. The NRF has been published on the ETF Open space, in English and Arabic.

The new orientation of the 5th round of the Torino Process also included an ETF assessment that targets key HCD challenges and how national policies are addressing them.

The event of 30th November aimed at disseminating the main recommendations emerging from Torino Process for the development of the TVET sector in Palestine in discussion with the key stakeholders involved since the onset. The other objective of this event was to get endorsement of the recommendations and to discuss the possible measures to address them.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

The COVID19 situation prevented a face-to-face event, so the platform Zoom was used instead. The participants that were involved in the process joined the dissemination event.

After the opening session by the Deputy Minister of Labour (Mr. Samer Salameh), the Head of Section of the EU Representative Office (Mr. Odoardo Como) and the ETF (Mr. Abdelaziz Jaouni), the local team presented the main challenges of the TVET system in Palestine and the proposed recommendations. Both the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Labour presented the NRF which showed the high commitment and good cooperation between the two leading Ministries.

Thierry Foubert, the author of the ETF Torino Process assessment report, presented the two main key issues :

1. *Barriers between education tracks are fading away and training has become a lifelong learning phenomenon, but the overarching common HCD vision is lagging behind;*
2. *Will Palestinians surf on the digital wave towards prosperity? To what extent is the digital transformation a reality for the Palestinian economy and does it present a meaningful career opportunity for young Palestinians?*

Policy responses and recommendations on how the issues can be addressed were presented and discussed during the event.

KEY OUTCOMES/CONCLUSIONS

Palestinian institutions and their representatives have fully appropriated the Torino Process since the beginning and they are highly committed to it.

The stakeholders expressed their appreciation for the Torino Process as an opportunity to collectively discuss the progress and challenges of the highly fragmented VET system in Palestine.

The Torino Process came at a very good moment with the recent approval by the Cabinet of the new TVET Commission.

The Torino Process will serve as a basis for the new TVET Commission to identify the priorities that need to be worked upon.

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