

# National dissemination seminar on WBL progress in Armenia in 2020-2021

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Working languages: Armenian and English with simultaneous interpretation

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## SUMMARY

Work-Based Learning (WBL) has great potential to ease the transition from education and training to work. Evidence suggests that countries with a strong VET and work-based learning / apprenticeship system have lower levels of youth unemployment. The Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Armenia has been implementing the “Concept Paper and road map for development of work-based learning (WBL) in Armenia for 2019-2025” which was developed in cooperation with different stakeholders and with the support of the ETF.

The purpose of the seminar is to discuss the latest developments in the area of work-based learning in Armenia, to share experiences that are being implemented and to prepare next steps.

### ***Objectives of the Seminar:***

- To share with key stakeholders strategic and policy developments related to WBL in Armenia;
- To deepen understanding of the challenges and opportunities for further development of work-based learning/apprenticeships systems;
- To share experiences of implementation of work-based learning programmes and learn from current practices and examples.

**Chair: Cristiana Burzio, Country Liaison for Armenia, ETF**

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**10:30 - 10:45 CET**    **Session 1: Welcome and opening remarks**

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<p><b>12:30 - 12:45</b> <b>Yerevan time</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction to the workshop <i>Mrs. Zhanna Andreasyan, Deputy minister of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Republic of Armenia (TBC)</i></li> <li>▪ EU support to Armenia in Human Capital Development <i>Representative of the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Armenia (TBC)</i></li> <li>▪ Work-Based Learning: key policy issues <i>Mr. Xavier Matheu, Head of Knowledge Hub Department, ETF</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>12:45 - 13:15</b></p>	<p><b>Session 2: Overview of latest developments in the field of VET and WBL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Mr. Artak Aghbalyan, Head of the Preliminary and Middle Vocational Education Department at the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussion with audience</p>
<p><b>13:15 - 13:45</b></p>	<p><b>Session 3: Findings of the Feasibility study on creation and development of the Armenian form of WBL: Commercial Activities by VET institutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Mr. Arayik Navoyan, ETF National Expert Armenia</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussion with audience</p>
<p><b>13:45 - 14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p><b>14:00 - 14:30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 4: Findings of the study on incentives for apprenticeship/ dual education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Mr. Arayik Navoyan, ETF National Expert Armenia</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussion with audience</p>
<p><b>14:30 - 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 5: WBL and Dual pilot experimentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agriculture project Stepanavan – <i>Mrs. Lilit Hovhannisyan, Strategic Development Agency, Project manager (tbc)</i></li> <li>▪ Swiss project in Gyumri, Foundation “Miassine” – <i>Mrs. Astrig Marandjian-Lapeyre, President (tbc)</i></li> <li>▪ GIZ “Private Sector Development and Technical Vocational Education and Training in South Caucasus” – <i>Mrs. Yulia Stakyan, Expert of PSD TVET programme (tbc)</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussion with audience</p>
<p><b>15:30 - 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Wrap up and conclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Mr. Artak Aghbalyan, Head of the Preliminary and Middle Vocational Education Department at the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Mrs. Cristiana Burzio, Country Liaison Officer for Armenia, ETF</i></li> </ul>