



European Training Foundation

# AGENDA

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT AT THE HEART OF LIFELONG LEARNING

*AZERBAIJAN*

**18th November 2021, 15.00 – 17.30 (Baku time), 12.00 – 14.30 hrs (CET)**

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### INTRODUCTION

The European Training Foundation (ETF) is engaged in the international debate and research on changing labour markets due to rapid technological developments and post COVID 19 recovery. As a result, career development support is becoming increasingly important for people to manage the frequent and complex transitions within and between learning and work. At the same time, career development support services are challenged to provide better access and innovative ways of delivery to both youth and adults in a lifelong learning perspective.

In Azerbaijan, career guidance features high on the policy agenda as an important segment of improving Vocational Education and Training (VET) provision. VET Law is setting the basis for developing career guidance services in the VET institutions across the country to ensure the students can make career-relevant decisions. The Employment Strategy 2018 -2030 also points out the importance of career guidance services for adults as the basis for the continuous employment of citizens in Azerbaijan. Overall, the objective is the development of modern career guidance services that will ensure equitable access for students, employed and unemployed adults, and different target groups.

ETF is organizing this Webinar to share the latest developments and present good practice examples from the EU Member States on career guidance systems that support career development in a lifelong learning perspective.

The working languages of the event are Azerbaijani and English.

# THURSDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

**Moderator:** Margareta Nikolovska, Senior Human Capital Development Expert – Country Liaison Officer, Azerbaijan, ETF

<p>15.00-15.15 (Baku time) 12.00-12.15 (CET)</p>	<p><b>Opening session</b></p> <p><i>Jeyhun Karamov, Deputy Director, State Agency for Vocational Education (SAVE) under the Ministry of Education</i></p> <p><i>Rashad Dayiyev, Head of Employment policy and demographic development issues department, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan</i></p> <p><i>Joanna Varao, Programme Manager, Cooperation Section, Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan</i></p> <p><i>Manuela Prina, Head of Skills Identification and Development Unit, Knowledge Hub Department, European Training Foundation (ETF)</i></p>
<p>15.15-16.00 (Baku time) 12.15-13.00 (CET)</p>	<p><b>The role of communication in career guidance in Vocational Education in Azerbaijan: The latest developments and way forward</b></p> <p><i>Jeyran Mammadli, Head of Department, SAVE</i></p> <p><i>Nigar Ismayilzada-Asgarova, Deputy Head of Department, SAVE</i></p> <p><b>Career guidance services for adults: The latest developments and way forward</b></p> <p><i>Azizbika Abdullayeva, Chief Specialist of Career Guidance Department, State Employment Agency</i></p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
<p>16.00 – 16.15 (Baku time) 13.00 -13.15 (CET)</p>	<p><b>EU funded project: “VET for the future: development of VET providers’ excellence in Azerbaijan.”</b></p> <p><b>Key objectives and the focus on the career guidance in Vocational Education</b></p> <p><b>Presentation from the UNDP Azerbaijan</b></p> <p><i>Zahra Amrahova – Project Manager, UNDP Azerbaijan</i></p> <p><i>Gullu Baharli – Career Support Specialist, UNDP Azerbaijan</i></p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>

16.15-16.30 13.15-13.30	<b>Short coffee/tea break</b>
16.30-17.00	<p><b>Good practice case studies from EU Member states: Career guidance systems that support career development in a lifelong perspective</b></p> <p><i>Florian Kadletz, Human Capital Development expert, ETF</i></p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
17.00-17.30 14.00 – 14.30	<p>Wrap-up and main takeaways</p> <p><i>SAVE, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, UNDP, EU Delegation, ETF (Margareta Nikolovska, Florian Kadletz)</i></p>