



European Training Foundation

INFORMATION NOTE FOR
EU INSTITUTIONS &
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ETF SUPPORT TO EU EXTERNAL POLICIES

WHAT CAN THE ETF DO?

Support to the different phases of the EU programming cycle

- Programming and project design: inputs to identification and formulation, or complete execution of the identification and formulation phases, including specific programming missions and preparation of all project documents; revision following Quality Support Group reviews; etc.
- Implementation: support to operationalisation of projects (terms of reference for technical assistance, advice on grant scheme design etc.); preparatory or bridging activities for the start-up of EU projects; content and methodological guidance on implementation (input to project steering committees, capacity building of local key project stakeholders on specific themes; etc.)
- Evaluation and monitoring: input to project and programme monitoring (comments on monitoring reports, technical assistance progress reports, budget support indicators for disbursement), mid-term and final evaluations.

Support to EU policy dialogue and external projection of EU internal policies

- Support to EU bilateral policy dialogue: background reports and direct expert contributions to bilateral policy dialogue meetings (e.g. sub-committee meetings); policy dialogue within sector reform contracts; analytical notes on human capital issues in a specific country; skills dimension of Mobility Partnerships; etc.
- Support to EU policy dialogue at regional level (Enlargement, Neighbourhood East and South, Central Asia): contribution to regional policy platforms; preparation of analytical reports on human capital issues in a specific region; etc.

Find out more about what the EU Delegations have to say about the ETF here:
<http://bit.ly/10i08EO>

The ETF – European Training Foundation – is an EU agency that helps transition and developing countries to harness the potential of their human capital through the reform of education, training and labour market systems in the context of the EU's external relations policy.

The ETF's 2027 strategy envisages the organisation becoming a reference for human capital development, providing policy advice to partner countries and supporting sustainable education

and training system reform in a lifelong learning perspective. The ETF is an EU agency that can be mobilised to support EU investment in human capital and enhance the strategic impact of EU funds for the benefit of partner countries with a focus on sustainable reforms, green economies and digital transformation.

Technological change, the greening of economies, globalisation and demographic factors, including migration and the impact of the COVID-19 crisis,



WHAT IS THE ADDED VALUE OF ETF SUPPORT?

The ETF can add value through its:

- Combined in-house expertise:
 - In-depth country intelligence on the status and progress of reform processes in vocational education and training (VET), human capital development (HCD), employment and social inclusion;
 - Thematic expertise in VET provision and quality, employment, employability and mobility, VET governance, qualifications, entrepreneurship and enterprise skills including:
 - Knowledge of European HCD policies and systems as a reference and inspiration
 - Knowledge of regional trends (cross-country comparison, benchmarking)
 - Methodological expertise in EU external assistance instruments and tools (project cycle management, monitoring and evaluation, etc.)
 - Long-term involvement in the partner countries resulting in established relationships built on trust and confidence

- Country and international stakeholder networks as well as an overview of other donor activities
- Flexibility and responsiveness

HOW TO MAKE A REQUEST TO THE ETF?

Please send an email or letter to: eurequest@etf.europa.eu specifying the type of support needed, deliverables expected and timing, with a copy to DG NEAR A3, DG EMPL D3 and DG INTPA E2 for requests outside NEAR countries).



have profoundly affected labour markets and workplaces. Individuals will require new skills sets and access to reskilling and upskilling opportunities to contribute to recovery and sustainable growth.

The ETF works in areas such as skills intelligence for the labour market, new teaching and learning, including digital and online learning, key competences, qualifications and excellence in lifelong learning. It cooperates with labour, education and employment ministries as well as

social partners in its partner countries to foster partnerships and cooperation. Its activities directly contribute to the external dimension of the EU Skills Agenda.

All the EU institutions can make use of the ETF's expertise. The main beneficiaries are the European Commission and EU services. The ETF's lead DG in the European Commission is the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.



WHERE DOES THE ETF WORK?

While the ETF's geographical scope focuses on the EU neighbourhood and Central Asia, priorities adapt to changes in the world. The ETF increases the impact of its actions and the reach of its expertise by forming strategic alliances and partnerships with other EU agencies, international organisations and development agencies to address challenges also in other parts of the world. For example, in cooperation with the African Union, the ETF is supporting the development of scenarios for the African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) and its conceptualisation.

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE AND TÜRKIYE

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Türkiye

SOUTHERN AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine**, Syria, Tunisia

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus*, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

CENTRAL ASIA

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

** This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual position of the Member States on this issue.

* ETF support to Belarus takes place in the context of Secretariat General (SG) note of 01/03/2022, Ares (2022)1502984.

