

DRAFT AGENDA

Advancing validation of non-formal and informal learning – results of the ETF Inventory in Partner Countries

ONLINE EVENT

25 OCTOBER 2023

10:00 – 12:10 CET

SUMMARY:

As an essential element of any lifelong learning system, validation of non-formal and informal learning gives visibility to skills which people acquired through life. It is a service that offers individuals an alternative pathway to a certification. Formal recognition of skills can improve the position of individuals in the labour market and create additional learning opportunities.

Recognising the potential of validation, ETF Partner Countries have accelerated reforms aiming at opening the services for validation of non-formal and informal learning. ETF has been monitoring these developments and this webinar will present the stage of the development of validation arrangements in 16 ETF Partner Countries studied in the period from 2021 to 2023.

The findings summarise the advancement in policies, regulations and practices and shed light on the extent to which the validation services are available and used by individuals. The webinar will be an opportunity to discuss the positive drivers, key challenges, and factors that influence the advancement of validation systems. Selected practices from the ETF Partner Countries, EU Member States and European projects will be presented to stimulate reflection on the potential steps ahead.

LANGUAGES:

English, French, Russian

PROGRAMME:

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
10:00 - 10:10	Welcome from ETF	Manuela Prina, Head of Skills Identification and Development Unit, ETF Maria Rosenstock, ETF
10:10 - 10:20	VNFIL in the European Union – update on recent developments	Aline Juerges European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
10:20 - 10:50	Consolidated findings from the VNFIL Inventories in ETF Partner Countries 2021-2023 (followed by Q&A)	The VNFIL Inventory Research Team, Monica Auzinger Mariya Dzhengozova Julia Fellingner 3s Research & Consulting
10:50 - 11:10	Discussion panel on success factors in advancing the validation systems	Donjeta Nimani Binçe and Avni Gashi, National Qualifications Authority, Kosovo* Sergiu Coceaș, Ministry of Education and Science, Moldova Nadica Kostoska, Ministry of Education and Science, North Macedonia Mustafa ÖZGEN, Vocational Qualifications Authority, Türkiye
11:10 - 11:20	<i>Break</i>	
11:20 - 11:35	VNFIL in Kosovo – use of digital platform in support of scaling up the validation services (followed by QA)	Donjeta Nimani Binçe and Avni Gashi National Qualifications Authority, Kosovo
11:35 - 11:50	Tools supporting identification of entrepreneurial competences in Eastern Partner Countries. (followed by QA)	Erikas Jankauskas, Evgeniia Petrivska, Tatiana Nanaieva, EU4YOUTH Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Programme
11:50 - 12:05	Making flexible learning a reality – validation in the Finnish VET system	Anna Kylä-Kaila, Finnish National Agency for Education
12:05 - 12:10	Next steps and closing	Maria Rosenstock, ETF

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