

# AGENDA

## TITLE:

# Education Reforms and Skills in Eastern Partnership

**Turin, 3 – 4 October 2023**

## SUBJECT:

Preparatory Workshop on the content and implementation of the new regional programme on education and skills in Eastern Partnership (EaP)

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## CONCEPT:

The workshop on Education Reforms and Skills in Eastern Partnership will take place in Turin on 3-4 October 2023 and is designed to introduce and tailor a regional programme aimed at enhancing education systems in the EaP countries. The workshop aims to achieve the following objectives:

- **Introduction of the Programme:** The workshop will provide an overview of the upcoming regional programme, including its three pillars and how they will be implemented.
- **Tailoring the Programme:** Country-specific discussions will be conducted with each delegation to customize the programme based on their respective policy priorities and capacity needs. These discussions will focus on priority education levels, functions of the education system, and expectations for the Rapid Education Diagnosis (RED) and capacity development needs under the Programme.
- **Networking and Collaboration:** The workshop aims to initiate networking among key stakeholder institutions that will play a vital role in the programme's implementation.

By the end of the workshop, the following expected results are anticipated:

- A common understanding of the programme's objectives, methodology, and implementation time frame among all participants.
- Initial indications for tailoring the programme to the specific needs of each country, which will be integrated into the final programme document and action plan.
- Agreement on the sequencing of activities for country interventions, including the RED under pillar 1 and capacity development under pillar 2.
- Agreement on key topics for the first training and peer learning activities under pillar 3.

The participants to be invited include 5 country delegations from the Ministries of Education and relevant government agencies, representatives from European Union delegations, European Commission Directorate General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) staff responsible for the programme, and the European Training Foundation team (experts, country liaison officers, and ETF management).

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The proposed workshop format is a two-day, in-person event. It will consist of plenary sessions for the presentation and consolidation of the programme, group work by country delegations for tailoring the programme, and thematic discussions among peers to address common challenges.

## DAY 1 3 October 2023

| Time  | Agenda Item   |  |
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| 09:00 – 09.30   | Welcome coffee  |  |
| <b>Session 1 - chaired and facilitated by Georgios Zisimos, ETF Head of Policy Advice and EU programming</b>        |   |  |
| 09:30 - 10.00   | Opening and Introduction  | Dr Pilvi Torsti, ETF Director<br>Christophe Masson, European Commission (DG NEAR), Team Leader   |
| 10:00 – 11.30   | Challenges and Opportunities in Education Reforms, by country delegations   | Country representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine  |
| 11:30 - 12:00   | Coffee Break & Networking   |  |
| 12:00 - 13:00   | Presentation of Regional Education Programme<br>Context analysis in EaP<br>Introduction to the Programme  | Stefano Lasagni, ETF Data Analyst<br>Timo Kuusela, ETF Senior Human Capital Development Expert   |
| 13:00 - 14:15   | Networking lunch  |  |
| <b>Session 2 - chaired and facilitated by Mr Hugues Moussy, ETF Head of Systems Performance and Assessment Unit</b> |   |  |
| 14:15 – 14.45   | Pillar 1: introduction to Rapid Education Diagnosis<br>Pillar 2: introduction to capacity development   | Facilitated by Marie Dorleans, ETF Senior Human Capital Development Expert<br>Iwona Ganko, ETF Human Capital Development Expert  |
| 14.45 - 16.00   | Introduction to group works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guiding questions on RED and capacity development</li> </ul> Country priorities – discussions by country delegations | Facilitated by Marie Dorleans, Timo Kuusela, Cristiana Burzio, Piotr Stronkowski, Filippo Del Ninno, Iwona Ganko, Olena Bekh, Susanne Nielsen, Corinne Boulet, Giuseppe Paglione |
| 16:00 - 16:15   | Coffee break  |  |
| 16:15 - 17.30   | Pillar 3: Introduction to training and peer learning activities at regional level<br>Discussion on themes of common interest  | Facilitated by Timo Kuusela and Iwona Ganko, ETF   |
| 17:30 - 17:50   | Conclusions of Day 1  | Hugues Moussy, ETF<br>Christophe Masson, DG NEAR   |
| 17:50 – 18:40   | The ETF ideathon:<br>Brainstorming for a greener and more digital future  | Facilitated by ETF   |
| 18:40 – 21:00   | Reception and Dinner in the ETF premises in Villa Gualino   |  |

## DAY 2

## 4 October 2023

| Time  | Agenda Item  |  |
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| Session 3 - chaired and facilitated by Georgios Zisimos, ETF Head of Policy Advice and EU programming |  |  |
| 09:30 – 11.00   | Country summaries - presentations and discussions                    | Facilitated by Timo Kuusela, ETF   |
| 11:00 – 11.30   | Coffee Break   |  |
| 11:30 - 13:00   | Timetable for 2024 -2026 and necessary steps to launch the Programme | Facilitated by Iwona Ganko, ETF and Timo Kuusela, ETF  |
| 13:00 – 13.15   | Conclusions  | Xavier Matheu de Cortada, ETF Head of Knowledge Hub Department<br>Christophe Masson, DG NEAR |
| 13:15 - 14:30   | Farewell lunch   |  |
| 14.30 – 16.00   | Bilateral meetings on request  |  |