

AGENDA

Human Capital Development – building evidence on skills and employment

Sweden, Stockholm (Solna)

22 – 23 May 2024

INTRODUCTION

The European Training Foundation (ETF) is organising an international workshop on skills and employment evidence in the overall context of human capital development policies. For more than one decade, the ETF has pursued the Torino Process as regular monitoring and progress assessment of policies related to vocational education and training in the lifelong learning context. Also, ETF provides support and enables exchanges for the European neighbouring countries to consolidate their evidence systems for active labour market, upskilling and reskilling policies.

Jointly with the Swedish Public Employment Service and Statistics Sweden, the ETF will organise an international workshop, in Stockholm, focused on updates and exchanges concerning latest developments in the areas of education, skills and employment evidence, new data collection methods and priorities for evidence generation, interpretation and dissemination in the EU neighbouring countries.

Three major topics will guide the meeting and mutual exchanges: (i) How to make sense of multiple sources of information and data and build up comprehensive data systems covering education, training and employment policy areas. (ii) Explore the impact of digitalisation on data creation, interpretation and policy use; and (iii) Critical areas for developing capacities in the EU neighbouring countries, and cooperation opportunities.

Participants will hear about novelties in datasets generation on active labour market policies and employment services, types of data, collection methods, storage and policy usage. Participating countries, European and international organisations will also share new angles of data research to inform policies and programmes aimed at supporting transition from joblessness to employment and up/re-skilling.

Participants will also discuss challenges and successes with national collection of data on education and training in the context of international data cooperation, including those collected by the ETF. They will also hear about forthcoming developments such as the next round of Torino Process monitoring and the new PISA for VET project of the OECD and will have an opportunity to discuss and present their own plans for the future.

Field visits and focused discussions will enable hands-on exchanges and peer learning, as well as provide updates concerning latest developments at EU and international level. The event is open to participants from all ETF partner countries, in particular representatives of statistical offices and experts from public employment services or ministries of labour in charge with data management and analysis.

DAY 1, 22 MAY 2024

09:00 – 09:30	Registration of participants
09.30 – 10.00	Opening session <i>Introductory remarks</i> Hugues Moussy, Head of Systems Performance and Assessment Unit, ETF Shawn Mendes, Director of International Affairs, Swedish Public Employment Service and representative of the World Association of Public Employment Services Cecilia Stenbjörn, Director, Department for Social Statistics and Analysis, Statistics Sweden
10.00 – 11.00	Scene setting and updates ETF updates regarding data collection in the field of human capital development, as well as international and European novelties. Discussion with the ETF partner countries Facilitators: Mihaylo Milovanovitch and Cristina Mereuta, ETF Contributors: Irma Gvilava, Head of Labour Statistics Division, National Statistics Office of Georgia Dušan Radovanović, Head of Unit, Department for Education, Science and Culture, Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia Biljana Zivkovska, Head of Unit for Public Relations, Communication and International Cooperation, Employment Service Agency of the Republic of North Macedonia Mert Öcal, Employment Expert, Employment Agency of Türkiye Dr. Ben Kriechel, Economics & Data, Germany
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.15	Swedish statistical system – an introduction Main data sources on skills and employment in Sweden (typology, methods). Key institutional actors, responsibilities, procedures, interoperability aspects. Key challenges in the domain of data, including among others data privacy management. International cooperation in the field of statistics, e.g. adherence to international classifications and supplying data in the context of international data collection efforts (how did that work for Sweden, how did it change data management procedures and work modalities; what are the risks and benefits) Contributor: Krister Näsén, Statistics Sweden Facilitator: Stefano Lasagni, ETF
12.15 – 13.00	Public Employment Service in the statistical system of Sweden Data collected and managed, including use of national and international classifications on occupations, education, skills and economic sectors. Key types of policy use and products based on PES statistics. Organisational aspects of statistics work and cooperation with Statistics Sweden and other institutions and organisations in the area of data management Contributor: Lars Lindvall, Head of the Forecasting Unit, Employment Agency of Sweden Facilitator: Eva Jansova, ETF
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 14.30	Transfers to the field visits
14.30 – 16.00	Parallel field visits: 1. Statistics Sweden (Solna Strandväg 86): visit and presentation on statistics on education, training and skills, including Vocational Education and Training Contributors: Paula Kossack, Mattias Fritz, Statistics Sweden 2. Swedish Public Employment Service (Solna, Elektrogatan 4): visit and presentation regarding the work of Swedish Employment Agency on statistical profiling of jobseekers Contributor: Petter Helgesson, Employment Agency of Sweden
16.00 – 17.00	Closure of first day and transfers to the hotel

DAY 2, 23 MAY 2024

09.30 – 09.45	Summary of Day 1. Introduction to day 2 ETF
09.45 – 11.15	Parallel workshops 1. Statistics offices Current challenges and practices at the juncture between international evidence collection requirements and standards, and national data and evidence collection practices and standards. Sharing of experiences with the collection and provision of data in the context of international cooperation, and the challenges, questions, and solutions which emerge in that context. Contributors: Mihaylo Milovanovitch, Stefano Lasagni, Mirela Gavoci, ETF; Michael Ward, Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD; Paula Kossack, Mattias Fritz, Statistics Sweden; ETF Partner Countries 2. Public Employment Services Innovative practices in the field of employment, skills and PES data management – focus on vulnerable groups Contributors: Lars Ludolph, Labour Economist, OECD Adam Biernat, Manager of the Labour Market Research, Analysis and Programming Department, Regional Labour Office in Krakow, Poland Facilitator: Cristina Mereuta, ETF
11.15 – 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 13.30	Parallel workshops 1. Statistics offices Continuation of discussions from Part 1 of the workshop. This will be followed by a session with updates about forthcoming developments in the field of data on education and training: from the international domain, but also from ETF partner countries. The session will also cover Torino Process system performance monitoring 2025-2026, PISA for VET of the OECD, and other topics. Contributors: Hugues Moussy, Mihaylo Milovanovitch, ETF; Michael Ward, Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD; ETF Partner Countries 2. Public Employment Services Innovative tools for data sources to inform labour market matching, skills development policies and Public Employment Services Contributors: Bakhtiyar B. Zhazykpayev, Director, Department of Strategy and Big Data Analysis, Workforce Development Center, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Kazakhstan Dr Reham Rizk, Director, and Mazen Mohamed, Research Associate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab - J-PAL MENA at AUC, Egypt Impact Lab Facilitator: Eva Jansova, ETF
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch break
14.30 – 15.45	Plenary session Debriefing from the parallel workshops, priorities for future meetings and joint activities EU neighbouring countries and ETF
15.45 – 16.00	<i>Closing remarks. Event closure</i>