



AGENDA

**Launch of the European Union funded Regional Programme
'Supporting Education Reforms & Skills in the Eastern
Partnership region (SER), 29 May 2024 @09:30-13:00**

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**Peer-learning seminar on the Use of Evidence in Education
Policies, 29 May - 31 May 2024**

**IN PRESENCE IN SERMIG (PIAZZA BORGO DORA 61, TURIN) AND
ETF (VIALE SETTIMIO SEVERO 65, TURIN)**

Background and Rationale

The European Training Foundation (ETF) was entrusted by the European Commission, Directorate General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) to implement the EU-funded Regional Programme supporting Education Reforms & Skills in the Eastern Partnership region.

On 29 May 2024, partner country representatives and the European Commission are invited to officially inaugurate the programme. The **objective** is to **present and apprise the action plan for implementation of the tree pillars of the Programme**.

The launch event will be followed by a regional **peer learning seminar**, focused on the use of evidence for policy making in the education sector, presenting successful international experience in building capacities in planning, monitoring and evaluation of education system.

The peer learning seminar will in particular aim at:

- promoting the exchange of experiences among Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries regarding the use of evidence in the design and monitoring of education policies, and in the effective management of their education systems;
- familiarising partner countries with EU member states' practices of related to the use of evidence and data management within the education sector.

Logic and Content

The seminar will build on **an initial self-assessment by countries of their current practices regarding the use of evidence within the education sector, covering aspects of regular system operations as well as policy formulation, planning, and monitoring.** This reflection will be guided by a selection of topics for consideration, and may be facilitated by a national expert appointed by the ETF to offer assistance and guidance.

Following the identification of strengths, weaknesses, or challenges, participants will have the opportunity to engage in thematic discussions and delve deeper into various approaches. This will enable them to gain practical insights for improving their practices. In addition, they will have the chance to learn from and take advantage of practices and/or tools shared by certain EU Member States, as well as from the expertise provided by the ETF.

Finally, subject to the availability of local institutions, the learning event plans to allocate time for **field visits**, capitalizing on the participants' presence in Italy to enrich their experience.

Participants

Participants include partner country representatives, EU delegations, EC services and ETF team. The EU member states are invited to share their practices and discuss the use of evidence in policy making.

The working language of the event will be English.

DAY 1 - 29 May 2024 in SERMIG (Piazza Borgo Dora 61, Turin)

Time	Agenda Item
Launch of the Regional Programme “Supporting Education Reforms & Skills in the Eastern Partnership region (SER)”	
09:30 – 10:00	Opening and Introduction By Dr Pilvi Torsti, ETF Director Dr Christophe Masson, European Commission Directorate General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), Team Leader
10:00 – 10:50	Unveiling Insights: Programme Inception and Horizon 2026 Work Programme - <i>Plenary session combined with group work per country</i>
10:50 - 11:20	<i>Coffee Break & Networking</i>
11:20 - 12:40	Empowering Education Reforms: The Crucial Role of Evidence - <i>Plenary panel discussion on the importance of policy dialogue frameworks</i>
12:40 – 13:00	Formal launch of the programme and celebration
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Networking lunch</i>
Peer Learning Session 1 – Setting the frame and the use of evidence throughout the policy cycle	
14:00 – 14:30	Introduction to the seminar and working methods - <i>Interactive plenary session</i>
14:30 – 15:30	Evidence for policy making in education: state of play - <i>Keynote speech on the EU member states practices</i>
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee Break & Networking</i>
15:45 – 16:00	<i>SERMIG – how a Peace Arsenal helps people in need through education. Short presentation by our host.</i>
16:00 – 16:50	Country reflections on the own practice of evidence - <i>Country group discussions</i>
16:50 – 17:00	Discussion and conclusions from Day 1
19:30 – 21:30	<i>Official Dinner at the Restaurant La Conca, Via Assietta, 4, Turin</i>

DAY 2 Peer learning seminar 30 May 2024 in SERMIG

Time	Agenda Item
Peer Learning Session 2 – From evidence to data and from data to indicators	
09:15 – 10:00	Introductory reflections - <i>Interactive session</i>
10:00 – 11:00	Issues at stake with data - <i>Thematic group work and plenary</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 - 13:00	Indicators - <i>Interactive plenary: the smart secret of good indicators</i>
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Networking lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	The example of teacher shortages - <i>Thematic guided group work</i>
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Comfort break</i>
15:45 – 16:45	The example of school network optimisation
16:45 - 17:00	Closing of the day
18:00 – 19:15	<i>Walking tour in the centre (guided by ETF colleagues)</i>
19:30 – 21:00	<i>Dinner at pizzeria</i>

DAY 3 Peer learning seminar 31 May 2024 in ETF

Time	Agenda Item
Peer Learning Session 3 – Monitoring mechanisms and instruments	
09:00 – 11:00	How are school data and other instruments used in Italy? Field visits to the Piedmont Regional Education Department and schools (tbc)
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Welcome coffee in the ETF</i>
11:30 - 12:15	Current practices and tools - <i>Group discussion by type of tools</i>
12:15 – 13:00	What could be next? Key take-aways from this peer learning - <i>Country group collective reflection</i>
13:00 - 13:30	Conclusions
13.30 – 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
Afternoon	<i>Bilateral meetings in the ETF</i>