



FINAL 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 workshop #1 on the Use of Evidence in
Education Policies, 29 May - 31 May 2024**

IN PRESENCE

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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.

Join us on **May 29, 2024, for the official programme inauguration**, where partner country representatives, EU Delegations, the European Commission, EU Member States experts and the ETF staff will gather to unveil and discuss the plans for implementing the programme's three key pillars.

Following the launch, a **regional peer learning workshop** will take place, highlighting the importance of evidence-based policymaking in the education sector. This workshop will showcase successful international experiences in enhancing capacities for planning, monitoring, and evaluating education systems.

The peer learning workshop will 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 related to the use of evidence and data management within the education sector;
- identifying key issues and actions in improving the use of evidence in education policies in EaP countries

Logic and Content

The workshop will build on **countries' self-assessments of their current practices regarding the use of evidence in the education sector. It will address both regular system operations and aspects of policy formulation, planning, and monitoring.** This approach will be guided by a selection of topics for consideration, and will be facilitated by ETF experts.

Through 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 EU Member States, as well as from the expertise provided by the ETF.

Participants

Participants include partner country representatives, focal points for education from EU delegations, representatives of the European Commission and from the EU Member States (Finland, France and Poland).

ETF programme team

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The working language of the event will be English.

DAY 1 Wednesday 29 May 2024 at SERMIG

Time	Session	Agenda Item
Launch Session – The programme in motion		
Moderated by Simona Rinaldi, ETF		
09:30 – 10:00	Opening and introduction	Opening and Introduction by Dr Pilvi Torsti, ETF Director Christophe Masson, Team Leader, the European Commission (DG NEAR)
10:00 – 10:50	Unveiling Insights to Programme Inception and Horizon in 2026	Plenary
10:50 - 11:20	<i>Coffee Break & Networking</i>	
11:20 - 12:40	Empowering Education Reforms - the importance of policy dialogue	Panel discussions Introduction by Iwona Ganko Moderator: Georgios Zisimos, Head of Unit, Policy Advice and EU Programming
12.40 – 13.00	Formal Launch of the Programme and Celebration	Timo Kuusela
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Networking lunch</i>	
Session 1 – Setting the frame: the use of evidence throughout the policy cycle		
Moderated by Marie Dorléans		
14:00 – 14:30	1.1 Introduction to the peer learning workshop	Plenary Participants' expectations from the workshop Objectives and agenda logic
14:30 – 15:30	1.2 Evidence for policy making in education: state of play	Plenary Keynote speech by EU member state representative, Johannes Peltola, Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland Questions and discussion
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Comfort Break</i>	
15:45 – 16:00	<i>Awareness-raising on SERMIG</i>	
16:00 – 16:55	1.3 Partner country reflections on challenges and gaps in the use of evidence	Country group discussion on the difficulties with the use of evidence in the education policy Plenary for sharing experiences and identifying commonalities
16:55 – 17:00	Closing of Day 1	
19:30 – 21:30	<i>Official Dinner</i>	La Conca, Via Assietta 4

DAY 2 Thursday 30 May 2024 at SERMIG

Time	Session	Agenda Item
Session 2 – From evidence to data and indicators Moderated by Marie Dorléans		
09:15 – 10:15	2.1 Types and sources of evidence	Key takeaways from day 1 and new inquiries Interactive plenary: Types and sources of evidence for education policies
10:15 – 11:15	2.2: Issues at stake with data	Thematic Group Work: Advantages and difficulties of various data sources Missing links or bottlenecks in the data chain
11:15 – 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:45 – 13:00	2.3 Indicators	Keynote speech by EU member state representative, Robert Rakocevic, Ministry of National Education and Youth, France Clarification questions (Q&A) Interactive plenary: the smart secret of good indicators Wrap-up
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Networking lunch</i>	
Session 3 – Education Management Information Systems (EMIS) in practice		
14:00 – 15:30	3.1 The example of (quality) teacher shortages as a common education policy issue	Thematic group discussion for sharing views and experiences across countries (<i>the idealists, the engineers and the mediators</i>) Consolidation and wrap up
15:30 - 15:45	<i>Comfort Break</i>	
15:45 – 16:15	3.2 An EU Member State's perspective on EMIS	Keynote speech by EU member state representative, Marcin Nowak, Ministry of National Education, Poland
16:15 – 16:55	3.3 International and EU standards for education indicators and the challenges for the EU candidate countries	EU accession process and Chapter 26 requirements by Simone Rave, DG NEAR Q&A, discussion: challenges by partner countries
16:55 – 17:00	Closing of Day 2	Wrap-up
17:30 – 18:30	<i>Guided sightseeing walking tour</i>	
19:30 – 21:00	<i>Dinner</i>	Fradiavola, via Sant'Anselmo 2/G

