

AGENDA

VET developments in candidate countries: closing the Osnabrück cycle

DATE AND VENUE:

14-15 April 2025 - Starhotels Ritz, Via Lazzaro Spallanzani, 40 - 20129 Milan, Italy

OBJECTIVES:

- **KEY UPDATES: to provide information for the monitoring.** We invite Directors General for VET and members of the Advisory Council for Vocational Training from [Albania](#), [Montenegro](#), [North Macedonia](#), [Serbia](#), [Türkiye](#) to come prepared to share information – during parallel country working groups in the national language – about the main policy developments in 2024 until April 2025 relevant to their country's National Implementation Plan (NIP).
- **FUTURE-FOCUSED DISCUSSIONS:** to engage in a stocktaking exercise about countries' NIPs developments since 2021 and **look ahead to priorities for the policy cycle 2026-2030.**
- **EXPANDED PERSPECTIVES:** to meet ACVTs and DGVTs from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Ukraine, which are **new candidate countries.**
- **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES** with peers from candidate countries: to exchange good practices and lessons learned.
- **INSPIRING SITE VISIT:** participants will visit a [Higher Technical Institute \(ITS Academy\)](#) to learn about a unique form of VET programmes at tertiary level, grounding on multi stakeholder partnerships between VET, the labour market, and local authorities. Participants will explore the ITS facilities (automated factory, green packaging lab etc.), engage with teaching staff, listen to students, and witness firsthand the dynamic environment that fosters learning and innovation through VET in the ITS Rizzoli.

DAY 1 – 14 April 2025 - 9.00 – 17.45 CEST time

9.00 - 9.30	OPENING
9.00 - 9.10	Introductory remarks <i>Hugues Moussy, ETF</i>
9.10 - 9.15	Welcoming new candidate countries
9.15 - 9.30	Event objectives setting and introduction to day 1 <i>Lisa Rustico, ETF</i>
9.30 - 11.30	COUNTRY WORKING GROUPS (I) - PARALLEL PROGRAMME
9.30 - 9.45	Introduction to parallel working groups , <i>Lisa Rustico, ETF</i>
9.45 - 11.30	Five parallel working groups with candidate countries participating in the Osnabrück monitoring aimed to collect data for 2024 until April 2025
9.45 - 11.30	Sharing with new Candidate countries by <i>ETF, DGEMPL (online), DGENEST (online), Cedefop</i> <i>Coffee will be served during the working groups outside the breakout rooms</i>
11.30 – 13.00	REPORTING BACK AND CONCLUSIONS
11.30 - 12.30	Key takeaways from the country working groups
12.30 - 13.00	Conclusions and introduction to site visit
13.00 – 14.00	LUNCH
14.00 - 17.45	SITE VISIT
14.00 - 14.45 14.45 - 17.00 17.00 - 17.45	Transfer to ITS Rizzoli Site visit ITS AR - Higher Vocational Education and Training centre Transfer back to hotel
19.30 - 21.00	NETWORKING DINNER

DAY 2 – 15 April 2024 – 9.00 – 16.30 CEST time

9.00 - 9.30	OPENING
9.00 - 9.15	Day 1 Highlights <i>Simona Rinaldi, ETF</i>
9.15 - 9.30	Introduction to day 2 <i>Lisa Rustico, ETF</i>
9.30 - 9.45	THE NEW POLICY CYCLE 2026-2030: A SNEAK PREVIEW
	The draft Herning Declaration <i>Torben Schuster, Danish Ministry of Education (online)</i>
09.45 – 11.00	COUNTRY WORKING GROUPS (II) – PARALLEL PROGRAMME
	Six parallel working groups: Reflections on persisting challenges and future priorities in VET for the policy cycle 2026-2030 <i>Moderated by national experts and ETF-Cedefop</i>
11.00 - 11.30	COFFEE BREAK
11.30 – 13.00	REPORTING SESSION AND CONCLUSIONS
	Reporting back from country working groups Reflections vis-à-vis the Torino Process results for 'old' candidate countries
13.00 - 14.00	NETWORKING LUNCH
14.00 – 14.45	LOOKING AHEAD
14.00 - 14.30	Monitoring in the EU Member States <i>Irina Jemeljanova, Cedefop</i>
14.30 - 14.45	Wrapping up of the event 'VET developments in candidate countries: closing the Osnabrück cycle' <i>Mihaylo Milovanovitch, ETF</i>
14.45 – 16.30	The GLAD Network*
14.45 - 16.30	The GLAD Network, candidate countries at the core <i>Siria Taurelli, ETF</i> <i>*This session is for ACVTs. If they wish, DGVTs are welcome to attend.</i>