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AGENDA

Evidence in action: an ETF monitoring forum

Milan, Italy

28 – 29 October 2025

INTRODUCTION

Every year, in collaboration with its partner countries, the European Training Foundation (ETF) collects key indicators needed to monitor trends and developments in education, skills, and employment. These efforts, known as the KIESE Initiative, culminate annually in country-specific progress reports (country fiches) and a cross-country report, which provides insights into national, regional, and international developments based on the collected data.

In addition, the ETF implements the Torino Process. Since 2023, the monitoring strand of the Torino Process selects a subset of KIESE indicators, aggregates them into “system performance indices,” and combines them with qualitative evidence to track how well vocational education and training (VET) systems in partner countries deliver on key commitments to learners, such as access, quality, relevance, and system efficiency. The annual results of KIESE and Torino Process monitoring are summarised in various reports, including the cross-country monitoring report.

In preparation for the 2026 round of monitoring and evidence collection, the ETF is inviting members of the KIESE data network and national coordinators for the Torino Process to an in-person meeting. The meeting will present the findings from the 2025 monitoring round, gather feedback, provide updates on new developments, and offer an opportunity for joint planning for 2026.

The meeting will take place on 29 October 2025 in Milan and will focus on three major topics:

1. Presentation and discussion of the 2025 monitoring findings ahead of their official release.
2. Presentation and discussion of priorities and plans for the 2026 editions of KIESE and the Torino Process.
3. Updates on new and forthcoming developments in data and monitoring in education, skills, and employment.

The working language of the meeting is English, with simultaneous interpretation provided in Russian and Arabic.

Venue: Hotel TRIBE Milano Malpensa, Via Gabriele D'Annunzio 8, 21010 Vizzola Ticino.

DAY 1, 28 OCTOBER 2025

20.00 – 22.00	Networking dinner
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DAY 2, 29 OCTOBER 2025

08.30 – 09.00	Registration of participants
09.00 – 09.30	Welcome and introduction to the day
09.30 – 11.00	Session 1: Key developments in education, skills, and employment: ETF partner countries <i>This session will present and discuss the 2025 monitoring findings ahead of their official release and provide an opportunity to exchange on priorities and plans for the 2026 editions of KIESE and the Torino Process.</i> • Presentation and discussion of monitoring results 2025 • Monitoring outlook 2026 • Open discussion
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.30	Session 2: Updates and new developments <i>This session will present and then discuss updates from ETF and partner countries on new initiatives in monitoring education, skills, and employment, with a focus on the ETF Skills Gap Index and recent national developments.</i> • Tracking complex developments through index-based monitoring: ETF Skills Gap Index • Partner country updates • Open discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	<i>Coffee station available throughout the afternoon</i> Session 3: Knowledge exchange • Working group A: How to use AI for policy and system monitoring <i>This parallel session will explore the ways in which artificial intelligence is becoming part of everyday policy and system monitoring in ETF partner countries and beyond. By looking at broad use cases such as data harvesting, analysis, and reporting, and at the many grassroots uses, improvised practices, and emerging protocols through which ETF and partner countries are already making AI work for them, it will help participants frame the possibilities of AI in their own work. The session will also present selected international experiences and new insights and approaches.</i> • Working group B: Data misinterpretation – a problem or a tool? <i>This parallel session will explore the role of data interpretation in shaping public understanding and policy decisions in education, skills and employment. Drawing on approaches such as strategic framing, data storytelling, and asset-based narratives, it will examine when ‘misinterpretation’ becomes a legitimate tool for reframing evidence to support constructive policy outcomes rather than a problem of distortion.</i>

15.30 – 16.30	Session 4: Reporting back <i>This final session will bring participants back together to share the main take-aways from the parallel discussions and consider their relevance for future monitoring practice. The session will conclude with a plenary exchange and closing remarks.</i> • Debrief from parallel sessions • Plenary discussion • Closing remarks
17:00 – 18.00	Transfer from hotel (cultural visit)
18.00 – 20.30	Cultural visit
20.30 – 21.00	Transfer to the hotel