



AGENDA

TITLE:

DARYA Regional Steering Group Meeting

DATE: 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81814207604?pwd=meaEfsd3so4FmwJKYLt9nFFaK5bV54.1>

TIME: 11:00–14:00 (KAZAKHSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN
AND UZBEKISTAN TIME)

12:00–15:00 (KYRGYZSTAN TIME)

08:00–11:00 (CEST)

Working languages: English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation.

Introduction

The Regional Steering Group (RSG) meeting brings together representatives of the participating countries to review progress achieved and to discuss the draft Regional Skills Roadmap for continued regional cooperation on skills development in Central Asia.

Building on national discussions and consultations undertaken within the DARYA governance process, the meeting will focus on reviewing the proposed thematic areas, identifying a limited number of possible actions for further consultation, and providing preliminary guidance for refining the Regional Skills Roadmap before its consideration by the High-Level Group.

Objectives of the meeting:

1. Review national and regional developments achieved since 2025 that are relevant to continued regional cooperation on skills development.
2. Review the proposed thematic areas and possible actions included in the Regional Skills Roadmap and provide initial views on their relevance and feasibility.

3. Build convergence around realistic, country-owned priorities for continued regional cooperation beyond DARYA, particularly in areas relevant to the Global Gateway priorities.
4. Provide preliminary guidance on the thematic areas and possible actions to be further refined through post-RSG consultation before consideration by the High-Level Group.

Chair: Katarína Lukáčová, DARYA Lead on Partnerships, Strategic Dialogue and Cooperation

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Time	Sessions
10:45–11:00 (KZ, TJ, TM, UZ) 11:45–12:00 (KG)	Connection and final technical check for designated speakers
11:00–11:10 (KZ, TJ, TM, UZ) 12:00–12:10 (KG)	Welcome and opening remarks - Georgios Zisimos, Head of the HCD Policy Advice Unit, ETF - Hans Farnhammer, Head of Partnerships, Delegation of the European Union to Kazakhstan - Victoria Mozgacheva, Deputy Minister of Enlightenment of the Kyrgyz Republic
11:10–12:00 (KZ, TJ, TM, UZ) 12:10–13:00 (KG)	Session 1: National Progress and Emerging Priorities for Regional Cooperation Country speakers: Kazakhstan: Zhunusov Yernat Gapuovich - Managing Director of the Center for the Development of Professional Qualifications and Skills, JSC "Center for the Development of Labor Resources," Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan: Bermet Karabaeva - Head of the Labour Department, Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Migration Tajikistan: Niyoz Kurbonov - Head of the Labour Market and Employment Department, Agency for Labour and Employment Turkmenistan: Bayram Saryev - Deputy Head of the Department of Higher and Secondary Vocational Education, Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan. Uzbekistan: Abduagzam Jalilov - Chief Specialist, Institute for the Development of the National Qualifications System Remarks and reflections from Regional Steering Group members <i>This session will provide participating countries with an opportunity to present the most significant developments achieved since 2025 that are relevant to continued regional cooperation on skills development. Contributions should focus on progress in institutionalising DARYA approaches, examples of regional cooperation, and national initiatives that may contribute to future regional collaboration. Countries are also invited to identify emerging priorities and opportunities that could inform the draft Regional Skills Roadmap and support sustainable, country-owned cooperation beyond the DARYA programme.</i>

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	<i>Expected Outcomes</i> - Updated overview of national developments relevant to regional cooperation. - Better understanding of emerging regional priorities. - Common context for the discussion of the draft Regional Skills Roadmap. Facilitated by: Eva Jansova, ETF
12:00–13:20 (KZ, TJ, TM, UZ) 13:00–14:20 (KG)	Session 2: Working Session on the Regional Skills Roadmap Regional Steering Group members and other designated representatives of participating countries <i>Building on Session 1, participants will review the three proposed thematic areas and possible actions, provide initial views on their relevance and feasibility, and identify a limited number of actions for further consultation. Guiding questions are provided in the Briefing Note. Representatives of key institutions from each participating country will be invited to provide a concise intervention of up to three minutes on the draft Regional Skills Roadmap.</i> <i>Expected outcomes</i> <i>Expected Outcome</i> Consolidated feedback on the thematic areas and possible actions, including a limited number for further consultation and preliminary indications of interest or questions for clarification. Facilitated by: Nadezda Solodjankina, ETF
13:20–13:50 (KZ, TJ, TM, UZ) 14:20–14:50 (KG)	Session 3: Next Steps and Pathways for Continued Regional Skills Cooperation <i>Participants will discuss feasible, country-led cooperation mechanisms and clarify the post-RSG consultation, Roadmap refinement and High-Level Group consideration process. The discussion will focus on specific issues identified in advance by participating countries. Country representatives should be ready to introduce these issues.</i> <i>Expected Outcomes</i> Initial views on feasible cooperation mechanisms and shared understanding of the post-RSG process and outstanding questions. Facilitated by: Christine Hemchemeier, ETF
13:50–14:00 (KZ, TJ, TM, UZ) 14:50–15:00 (KG)	Wrap up and closing Katarína Lukáčová, DARYA Lead on Partnerships, Strategic Dialogue and Cooperation