

## Agenda (draft)

# Preparing people for tomorrow's skills in Armenia Work-Based Learning strategy in Armenia

Armenia Marriott Hotel, Yerevan (1 Amiryan Street)

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## SUMMARY

Work-Based Learning (WBL) has great potential to ease the transition from education and training to work. Evidence suggests that countries with a strong VET and work-based learning / apprenticeship system have lower levels of youth unemployment. The Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Armenia has developed, in cooperation with different stakeholders and with the support of the ETF, a “Concept Paper and road map for development of work-based learning (WBL) in Armenia for 2019-2025”. The Concept Paper was approved by the National Council for VET Development in June 2019.

The purpose of the seminar is to discuss the latest policy developments in the area of work-based learning in Armenia, to share experiences that are being implemented and to prepare next steps.

### ***Objectives of the Seminar:***

- To share with key stakeholders strategic and policy developments related to WBL in Armenia;
- To deepen understanding of the challenges and opportunities for further development of work-based learning/apprenticeships systems;
- To share experiences of implementation of work-based learning programmes and learn from current practices and examples.

**Thursday, 28 November 2019**

**Venue: Armenia Marriott Hotel, Yerevan**

**Chair: Didier Gelibert, Specialist of Private Sector engagement in VET -  
Country Coordinator Armenia, ETF**

<b>09:00 - 09:30</b>	<b>Arrival and registration of participants</b> (welcome coffee)
<b>09:30 - 09:45</b>	<b>Session 1: Welcome and opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Introduction to the workshop <i>Representative of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Republic of Armenia.</i></li><li>▪ EU support to Armenia in Human Capital Development <i>Representative of the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Armenia (TBC)</i></li><li>▪ Work-Based Learning: key policy issues <i>Xavier Matheu de Cortada, Head of the Policy Unit ETF</i></li></ul>
<b>9:45 - 10:15</b>	<b>Session 2: Concept Paper on WBL in Armenia and Road Map 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Artak Aghbalyan</i>, Head of the Preliminary and Middle Vocational Education Department at the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport</li></ul>
<b>10:15 - 10:45</b>	<b>Session 3: First findings of studies on improvement of internships and incentives (Focus Group feedback)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Arayik Navoyan</i>, ETF National Expert Armenia</li></ul>
<b>10:45 - 11.15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:15 - 12:30</b>	<b>Session 4: Panel discussion: Stakeholders' views on Concept Paper, Road Map and studies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Vladimir Amiryanyan</i>, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Armenia</li><li>▪ <i>Gagik Makaryan</i>, Republican Union of Employers of Armenia</li><li>▪ <i>Anna Mnatsakanyan</i>, Yerevan State College of Arts</li><li>▪ <i>Tatevik Gasparyan</i>, National Centre for VET Development</li><li>▪ Representative of sectoral association of employer (to be determined)</li></ul> Facilitation: <i>Arayik Navoyan</i> , ETF National Expert Armenia
<b>12:30 - 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:30 - 14:45</b>	<b>Session 5: WBL and Dual pilot experimentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Agriculture project Stepanavan – <i>Lilit Hovhannisyan</i>, Strategic Development Agency, Project manager</li><li>▪ EU4Youth – SAY YES Skills for Jobs – <i>Liana Sargsyan</i>, World Vision Armenia, Project Manager,</li><li>▪ Swiss project in Gyumri, Foundation “Miassine” – <i>Astrig Marandjian-Lapeyre</i>, President (Skype)</li><li>▪ GIZ “Private Sector Development and Technical Vocational Education and Training in South Caucasus” – <i>Yulia Stakyan</i>, Expert of PSD TVET programme</li></ul> Discussion with audience
<b>14:45 - 15:15</b>	<b>Wrap up and conclusions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Artak Aghbalyan</i>, Head of the Preliminary and Middle Vocational Education Department at the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport</li><li>▪ <i>Xavier Matheu de Cortada</i>, Head of the Policy Unit ETF</li></ul>