

FLASH REPORT

Event name

Kick-off meeting to pilot SELFIE tool in vocational education and training including work-based learning module, online, 29 October

Main objective/s

ETF has been collaborating with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission on the project of piloting SELFIE in ETF partner countries. In 2019, DG EMPL and the JRC have undertaken a feasibility study to extend SELFIE to work-based learning. As a result, SELFIE has been extended with a set of new questions that aims to support VET schools and companies providing work-based learning to reflect on how they jointly embed digital technologies in their teaching and learning practices and how it could be improved. More specifically, the SELFIE Work-Based Learning (SELFIE WBL) module, additionally to the existing three SELFIE user groups (school leaders, teachers and students) will include the in-company trainers as a user group.

Georgia in the recent years has taken initiatives to support the development of digital skills and foster the use of digital technologies in education and training. Development of efficient TVET system to meet the needs of the workforce has been a priority for Georgian education stakeholders for the last decade. The main policy document - Vocational Education and Training Development Strategy for 2013-2020 underlines importance of the distance learning in VET for adults. As well, the strategy focuses on the Integration of modern teaching and assessment methods based on ICT in educational programs.

The Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia expressed interest in the SELFIE tool which would allow to assess digital capacity of VET schools and to identify actions on how to enhance it. ETF jointly with the JRC has been supporting the Ministry of Education in piloting of SELFIE tool in general education and in VET.

The present kick-off meeting aimed to provide training to VET schools coordinators and in-company trainers from enterprises on the use of SELFIE tool and analysis of results and to discuss necessary steps to pilot SELFIE in VET in Georgia.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

The programme included opening session with short welcomes from the key stakeholders: Deputy Minister Ms. Tamar Kitiashvili, Scientific Officer from the JRC and ETF Country Coordinator for Georgia. The Deputy Minister provided short summary of the main policy initiatives of the Ministry in VET, followed by quick introduction of VET schools and partner companies participating in the event from different regions of Georgia. ETF Senior expert on digital skills and learning provided short background of SELFIE WBL tool and its objectives. Followed by the training and hands on session on the use of SELFIE WBL lead by the national expert. During hand on session all participants had a chance to work in small groups coached by experienced experts on SELFIE and clarify any issues. The event closed with wrap up session, which outlined next steps of the Ministry on further steps to pilot WBL SELFIE tool in Georgia. The event was attended by 98 participants.

KEY OUTCOMES/CONCLUSIONS

The participants have learnt how to use SELFIE WBL tool, in particular to register the schools, to run the tool and to analyse results at the school level. They have developed better understanding of the SELFIE tool and its potential for self-assessment and enhancement of digital capacity of schools.

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