



# AGENDA

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING DEVELOPMENTS IN AZERBAIJAN: SHARING  
EXPERIENCES FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU EDUCATION  
SUPPORT PROGRAMME AND PRESENTATION AND DISSEMINATION OF THE  
TORINO PROCESS 2018 - 2020 FINDINGS**

BAKU, HYATT REGENCY HOTEL

28 – 29 NOVEMBER 2019



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## SUMMARY

The Strategic Roadmap for VET adopted in December 2016 sets out the short-, medium- and long-term vision for Vocational Education and Training (VET) development. The European Union (EU) Annual Action Programme 2014 (AAP 2014) for Azerbaijan includes support to the education and training sector, of about EUR 19 MEUR. The intervention covers the support of VET reform implementation, development and implementation of the National Qualifications Framework, and a grant scheme for modernisation of multifunctional training centres. The grant scheme is implemented by UNDP, GIZ and LGA and partners through four projects, focusing on the regions/districts of Gabala, Ismayilly, Gakh, Ganja, Jalilabad and Barda.

The European Training Foundation (ETF) is supporting the EU Delegation to Azerbaijan with the content and methodological advice for the EU Education Support Programme in the period 2017 - 2019. Following the monitoring exercise in 2017 and 2018, the specific objective of the 2019 workshop aims at discussing common challenges that the grants have encountered in their implementation and drawing recommendations for future actions.

The workshop will also discuss the findings of the Torino Process 2018 -2020. Following the completion of the national and ETF assessment reports, the objective is to present and discuss key findings, main outcomes of the process and to identify actions to address the recommendations (both short quick-wins and long-term actions), to reinforce further preparation of new and upcoming EU support to VET sector in Azerbaijan.

The workshop is part of the European Vocational Skills Week, and the objective is to promote the value of VET.

Participants in the workshop will include representatives from government institutions, the Ministry of Education, the State Agency for Vocational Education, the organisations implementing Action Grants, VET schools, donors, the EU Delegation and the ETF.

# DAY ONE - THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

HYATT REGENCY HOTEL, GUBA BALLROOM

9:30 – 10:00	Welcome coffee and registration of participants
10:00 – 10:30	<p><b>WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Idris Isayev, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan</li><li>• Elnur Suleymanov, Head of Social Policy Department, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan</li><li>• Fuad Humbatov, Deputy Secretary General, National Confederation of Entrepreneurs (Employers) Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan</li><li>• Kestutis Jankauskas, Head, Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan</li><li>• Carmo Gomes, Head, Country Intelligence Unit, European Training Foundation</li><li>• Parviz Yusifov, Director, State Agency for Vocational Education</li></ul> <p><b>OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP AND EXPECTATIONS</b> Margareta Nikolovska, ETF Country Coordinator</p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p><b>SESSION 1: THE TORINO PROCESS 2018 - 2020 OUTCOMES IN AZERBAIJAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ETF video on Torino Process</li><li>- Presentation of the key findings of the analysis in terms of key HCD issues, possible VET policy gaps to address them, and preliminary recommendations</li></ul> <p>Carmo Gomes, Head of Country Intelligence Unit, ETF Abdelaziz Jaouani, ETF Senior Specialist in VET Policies and Systems - Torino Process Coordinator</p> <p><b>CHAIR: MAJID BAYRAMLI, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT, STATE AGENCY FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION</b></p>
11:30 – 12:30	<p><b>SESSION 2: ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS FROM THE REFORM IN THE SECTOR OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AGENDA AS REFLECTED IN TORINO PROCESS IN AZERBAIJAN</b></p> <p>Parviz Yusifov, Director, State Agency for Vocational Education</p> <p>Discussion Coffee and tea served in the room at 11:30</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:00	<p><b>SESSION 2 CONTINUED: THE TORINO PROCESS 2018 - 2020 OUTCOMES IN AZERBAIJAN</b></p> <p>Introduction to the Working Groups 'Discussion on the recommendations and possible actions for implementation Margareta Nikolovska, ETF Country Coordinator</p> <p>Group work</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:30	<p><b>SESSION 3: CONTRIBUTION OF THE EU PROJECTS AND ACTION GRANTS TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING SECTOR IN AZERBAIJAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ETF video presentation: Azerbaijan and the European Union: Partners in Progress</li><li>- Video/presentations by the EC projects and VET Action Grants:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yulia Bazhenova, Tem Leader, GIZ</li><li>• Zahra Amrahova, Project Coordinator VET Grants, UNDP</li><li>• Trevor Cook, Project Leader, Support to Implementation of NQF in Azerbaijan</li><li>• Zaur Aliyev, Key expert, NIRAS - VET reform project</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Questions and answers <b>FACILITATOR: CRISTIANA BURZIO, ETF SPECIALIST IN HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</b> <b>CHAIR: MARGARETA NIKOLOVSKA, ETF COUNTRY COORDINATOR</b></p>

# DAY TWO - FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER 2019

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09:00 – 11:00	<p><b>PRESENTATION OF ETF OPEN SPACE</b> <i>Carmo Gomes, Head Country Intelligence Unit, ETF</i></p> <p><b>SESSION 4: THE EU CONTRIBUTION TO VET IN AZERBAIJAN: ETF INPUT</b></p> <p>Key findings from the joint monitoring mission to UNDP implemented EU Action grants <i>Abdelaziz Jaouani, ETF Senior Specialist in VET Policies and Systems - Torino Process Coordinator</i></p> <p>UNDP reflection <i>Zahra Amrahova, Project Coordinator VET Grants, UNDP</i></p> <p>Discussion: Achievements, challenges and next steps of the EU Action Grants</p> <p><b>CHAIR: CARMO GOMES, HEAD - COUNTRY INTELLIGENCE UNIT, ETF</b></p>
11:00 – 11:30	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
11:30 – 12:30	<p><b>SESSION 4 (CONTINUED): THE EU CONTRIBUTION TO VET IN AZERBAIJAN: ETF INPUT</b></p> <p>Discussion: Achievements, challenges and next steps of the EU Action Grants</p>
12:30 - 13:30	<p><b>SESSION 5: CONCLUSIONS: KEY RECOMMENDATIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reporting back from day 1 working groups on the Torino Process 2018 – 2020</li><li>- Plenary discussion on identified actions and concrete proposals to support further VET reform in Azerbaijan</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Carmo Gomes, Head, Country Intelligence Unit, European Training Foundation</i></li><li>• <i>Majid Bayramli, Head of department, State Agency for Vocational Education</i></li><li>• <i>Joana Varao, Programme Manager, Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan</i></li></ul> <p><b>CHAIR: MARGARETA NIKOLOVSKA, ETF COUNTRY COORDINATOR</b></p>
13:30 - 14:30	<p><i>Lunch</i></p>