

FLASH REPORT

Event name

Torino Process Launching event in Azerbaijan – 27 February 2019, Baku.

Main objective/s of the event

The objectives of the event were the following:

- To get familiar with the Torino Process 2018-20 objectives and strategic orientations;
- To present and familiarise with the Torino Process National Reporting Framework - NRF (framework of analysis) and clarify any questions on the NRF, including ETF assessment;
- To discuss and agree on policy added value of Torino Process in the country and define/confirm the calendar of implementation;
- To present and discuss the Torino Process indicators, and identify any gaps and how to collect additional evidence.

Background

In 2018-2020 cycle, full ownership of the Torino process is with the national key stakeholders, and the process is lead by Agency for Vocational Education under the Ministry of Education. The focus is on wider Human Capital Development, covering Education, Training, skills and Life-Long Learning touches upon a number of policy domains. The role of VET, is very important, as it has impact on the implementation of high level objectives for growth and sustainable development. Important policies have been developed in the last two years, focusing on VET and skills issues. In 2016, VET became one of the top priorities and it features across all Strategic Roadmaps to boost the economy and competitiveness.

Short introduction/description of the event

The launch of the 5th round of the Torino Process took place in Baku with the participation of about 30 different institutions and stakeholders: public and private sector representatives as well as relevant international organisations, donors and EU representatives. The meeting was opened by the Deputy Minister, Mr Idris Isayev, who focused on the importance of the skills and VET sector and its contribution to transformation of the economy in Azerbaijan. He underlined that Ministry welcomes very much the Torino Process as exercise for Azerbaijan, as it provides unique platform for discussion of the ongoing transformation in the sector. Mr. Majid Bayramli, Torino Process Coordinator, on behalf of the Agency for Vocational Education, the institution that is leading the Torino Process 2018-2020 in Azerbaijan, underlined that it is important to learn from international practices and to ensure that international experience is built into the process. The event was organised as discussion in plenary. Torino Process working group, which has been formally established, also met in the framework of the event. The meeting of the Torino Process Working group was facilitated by the Mr; Majid Bayramli from the Agency for Vocational Education/Torino Process Coordinator. Discussion took place on the way forward on preparation of national report, and how institutions could ensure all relevant developments that took place after 2016, are well presented and addressed in the national report 2018 – 2020.

KEY OUTCOMES / CONCLUSIONS

- The Torino Process has been welcomed positively by relevant stakeholders and the calendar of activities for implementation has been confirmed.
- Main issues raised in the discussion were: i) the need to make sure that all important evidence is collected and analysed, ii) the importance of having clear understanding of the indicators and how they will be shared among the institutions, iii) an in-depth analyses is needed, and in line fully with the questions and suggestions in the national analytical framework, iv) VET is one of the key priorities of the country, and it is clear that the policy makers and key stakeholders in VET have invested efforts in past few years improving the overall performance of the VET systems.
- Torino Process working group meeting concluded that the best way in collection of the evidence is to address the institutions with formal letter, and set up Torino Process relevant deadlines to ensure all institutions contribute in the process.

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