

FLASH REPORT

Event name

Torino Process Launching event in Lebanon – 28 February 2019, Beirut, Lebanon

Main objective/s of the event

- To get familiar with the Torino Process (TRP) 2018/19 objectives and strategic orientations as well as with the TRP National Reporting Framework (NRF)
- To discuss and agree on policy added value of TRP in the country and define the calendar of implementation and relevant key stakeholders to be involved in the preparation and consultations.

Background

The launch of the 5th round of the Torino Process took place in Beirut with the participation of a wide range of stakeholders. The new orientation of the process targets the human capital development challenges and how national policies are addressing them. The analysis will also tackle the policy gaps and provide strategic recommendations for improvement. In Lebanon, by promoting policy dialogue among stakeholders, the Torino Process supports the country's efforts to bridge the gap between education and work by bringing employers round the table to discuss their involvement in vocational education and training and how skills development can be better aligned to the needs of business sectors.

Short introduction/description of the event

Around 45 participants took part to the event organised in Beirut with the participation of public and private sector representatives as well as relevant international organisations, donors and EU representatives. The meeting was opened by the Director General of DG VTE, Ms Salam Younes, who highlighted the importance of the TVET sector in Lebanon pointing out how the sector is still somehow neglected, while it would require a great support at different levels. The event was organised around discussions in plenary/groups and panels; both modalities were appreciated by participants for the format and the interactive approach proposed.

KEY OUTCOMES / CONCLUSIONS

- The Torino Process has been welcomed positively by relevant stakeholders and the calendar of activities for implementation has been agreed.
- Main issues raised in the discussion were: i) the need for more structured cooperation between international organisations and national authorities but also amongst the different government bodies that need to better liaise and collaborate for the sake of an efficient TVET system. Torino process should bring this common ground for cooperation! ii) the importance of having a regular analysis of the TVET system for increased accountability; iii) the political pressure in setting priorities that somehow forces national actors to set up follow up and monitoring mechanisms.

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