

Torino Process 2018-2020

EVENT NAME	Torino Process 2018-2020 workshop: Torino Process in Central Asia – Key Findings and the Way Ahead
LOCATION	ONLINE
DATE AND TIME	3th December 2021, 10:00 – 13:00 (CET Time) 14:00 – 17:00 (Ashgabat, Dushanbe, Tashkent) 15:00 – 18:00 (Bishkek, Nur-Sultan)

SUMMARY

What is the Torino Process

Inspired by the European Union (EU) Copenhagen-Bruges Process, the Torino Process is a participatory process leading to an analysis of human capital development issues and vocational education and training policies responses in the ETF partner countries. The process aims to be a vehicle for policy development, forging a shared understanding of a medium-term vision, priorities and progress in the field of human capital and skills development. In this sense, the Torino Process provides valuable input for policy dialogue either in the context of policy development and/or EU (or other donors) policy or programming purposes, at both national and regional levels. Furthermore, the Torino Process confirms its value as a policy learning tool within and among ETF partner countries and the EU through a participatory approach.

Throughout the process, launched by the European Training Foundation (ETF) for the first time in 2010, internal and external consultations with partner countries and external evaluations confirmed that the process is well established as a relevant initiative (both in terms of the content of the analysis and the implementation process) that has an added value as a forum for policy discussions and peer learning at country level.

The fifth round of the Torino Process was launch in 2018, involves a total of 28 ETF partner countries. From Central Asia four countries, namely Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan



have committed to prepare a national reports between 2019 and 2020, using the so-called National Reporting Framework. Turkmenistan has taken part in the launch phase of the process.

From national to regional report:

The Torino Process foresees not only analysis at national level, but also at regional and cross-country level. These reports identify key regional and trans-national developments in Vocational Education and Training in a lifelong learning perspective. They also explore ways in which emerging challenges could be addressed.

Traditionally national reports have served as key inputs for the preparation of regional reports. In the course of 2020 and 2021, opportunities for on-line communication and engagement have expanded dramatically in all ETF partner countries. The ETF therefore took advantage of these new opportunities, to engage stakeholders in Vocational Education and Training in the two thematic on-line workshops at regional level. These were dedicated to distance and on-line learning (November 2020) and private sector involvement in VET and skills development (April 2021). The outcomes of these workshops fed into the Central Asian regional report, which will be presented to stakeholders at the regional workshop.

OBJECTIVES

This final regional workshop under the 2018-2020 round will gather the representatives from the Central Asian countries to present and discuss key findings and recommendations from the Regional Torino Process report. The meeting will be also an opportunity to take stock of the process and present ideas for the way ahead and new approaches to monitoring in the region.

The workshop has the following objectives:

- Share and reach a common understanding of key findings and recommendations emerging from the regional analysis of trends and progress in Human Capital Development, skills and VET policies responsiveness.
- Identify, together with participants, regional priorities and possible actions to address the main issues of Human Capital Development taking into account opportunities for exchange and cooperation among Central Asian countries.

METHODS OF WORK

The workshop will be online and will foster exchange and sharing among participants. To facilitate connectivity, in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan participants will have the opportunity to join from a central venue¹. Background documents will be shared in advance in order to allow participants to make an active contribution during the event.

PARTICIPANTS

The workshop will gather representatives from the five Central Asia republics, including policy makers in the sphere of VET and skills development, VET providers, representatives of the private sector such as chambers, sectoral associations, representatives of international organisations and the European Commission.

¹ In the local conference venues the working language will be Russian. The English-Russian interpretation will be provided only to participants joining fully online.

Friday, 3th December 2021

10:00 - 10:10 (CET time)	Warm up to online modality
10:10 - 10:25	Opening and welcome Mr Cesare Onestini, Director, European Training Foundation Ms Nassymzhan Ospanova, Director, Department for Vocational Education and Training, Ministry of Education and Training of the Republic of Kazakhstan
10:25 - 11:10	Findings of the Human Capital Development analysis in the Central Asian region Ms Christine Hemschemeier, Senior Human Capital Development Expert, Focal point for Central Asia, ETF <i>Discussants:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ms Feruza Rashidova, Professor of the TVET Institute, Head of UZTEA, National consultant Swiss project in Uzbekistan HELVETRAS and Mahorat– Ms Irina Gordeeva, Main Specialist of the Department of Initial VET, Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic– Mr Alisher Alizoda, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labour, Migration and Employment of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, Torino Process Coordinator– Ms Gulnabat Gurdova, Head of Department of International Cooperation Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan– Ms Kalamkas Algazinova, Head of Division of Partnerships and Skills, Department of Technical and Vocational Education, Ministry of Education and Science of Kazakhstan, Torino Process Coordinator
11:10 - 11:25	<i>Comfort break</i>
11:25 - 12:05	Operationalisation of key policy recommendations
12:05 - 12:35	Wrap-up from group work and the way forward
12:35 - 12:45	Opportunities at regional level Mr Nicholas Taylor, Team Leader- Central Asia, DG INTPA, European Commission
12:45 - 12:55	Concluding remarks and next steps