

FOCUS GROUP MEETING REGIONS AND CITIES FOR VET AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

27 -28 FEBRUARY 2018 TURIN, ITALY





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BACKGROUND

The Torino Process 2016-17 closed its implementation with 25 countries taking part in the process. Moreover, 31 regions and cities from four countries have implemented the Torino Process at sub-national level. In 2017, even more regions have joined the Torino Process.

Countries recognize the need and added value to involve sub-national administrators, social partners, VET providers, business and civil society in a greater depth of policy analysis and monitoring as well as in a higher understanding of needs and potential for skills development and job creation.

In this framework more and more countries are asking the support of the ETF to engage regions and cities in the Torino Process, and develop a monitoring culture across the VET system.

The meeting on 27-28 February is focused on the sub-national dimension of the Torino Process, which kicked off as a pilot in the 2014 round and is now becoming an important part of the Torino Process dialogue across the ETF partner countries.

Objectives

The meeting will focus on achieving the following objectives

- 1. Discuss experiences of sub-national implementation across countries that have already implemented the TRP at subnational level in 2016 and 2017, and take stock of lessons learnt, successes and improvement plans.
- 2. Discuss with participants the needs for support in terms of e.g. development of guidelines, training, and quality assurance, in particular for countries implementing it for the first time.
- 3. Discuss features and implementation modalities towards 2019-20.

Participants to the meeting will be country and regional-city representatives from countries that have already applied the TRP at sub national level: Bosnia&Herzegovina, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Tunisia, Ukraine, and country representatives from countries having expressed the interest to apply the TRP at subnational level in 2019: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Morocco, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan.

The meeting working language is English with interpretation into French and Russian.



ARRIVAL DAY, 26 February 2018

17.30 – 18.30	Registration of participants in the lobby of HOTEL (upon arrival of participants)
19.30 – 21.30	Welcome dinner (informal) at Restaurant Pizzeria Rossopomodoro, Via XX Settembre, 11

DAY ONE, 27 February 2018 - LEARNING FROM THE PAST

VENUE: SERMIG, Turin

08.45 - 09.00	Welcome coffee
	Opening and welcome remarks
09.00 - 10:00	Introduction to the Focus group meeting
	Introduction of the participants
	Sharing of experiences, expectations and ideas
10:00 – 13.30	The purpose of this session is to collect and exchange experiences and ideas from national, regional and city representatives on the practical modalities of Torino Process implementation at sub-national level. Participants will work in groups.
10:00– 10:40	Session 1 Why do countries and regions opt to engage in a sub-national approach?
10:40 – 11:20	Session 2 How can stakeholders be involved?
11:20 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 12:40	Session 3 How to support a holist view: from a narrow VET focus to skills, competitiveness and inclusion?
12:40-13:20	Session 4 How to identify the necessary evidence, find and use it?
13.20 – 13.30	Conclusions of the morning sharing session
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:00	Structured feedback on ideas produced during morning group work



	15:00 – 16.00	Lessons learnt and value added
		The purpose of this session is to share experiences of national, regional and city representatives on the use that has been made of sub-national Torino Process findings and recommendations. A second issue of reflection will be the added value of the Torino Process at sub-national level.
	15:00 – 16:00	Interview of national, regional and city representatives with sub-national Torino Process experience and discussion in small groups
	16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
	16.30 – 17.00	Conclusions of day 1 and fine tuning of topics to be discussed the next day
	18.30 – 21.30	Guided city tour followed by dinner at Restaurant "La Smarrita", Via Cesare Battisti, 17



DAY TWO, 28 February 2018 - LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The second day of the focus group considers how to prepare the 2019 round including the mapping of desirable preparatory steps, guidelines and capacity building for the implementation at the sub-national level

VENUE: SERMIG, Turin

08.45 - 09.00	Welcome coffee
09.00 - 09.15	Introduction to day 2
09.15 – 11.00	Paving the way for the future
	Ideas forum for the way ahead: what is required for a successful implementation at sub-national level in 2019.
	Proposed issues include:
	the analytical framework, the link between the national and sub-national levels, statistics and evidence, training and on-line tools.
	Participants will rotate between a number of topics
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
44.00.40.00	Building up the bigger picture for a way ahead
11.30 - 12.30	Consolidated feedback from morning session
12:30 - 13:00	What are the main things each Delegation is taking away after the focus group meeting
	Work at country delegation level
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.45	Wrap up of the morning discussion and steps ahead
14:45 – 15.45	Bilateral meetings (country delegation/ETF) or visit of Sermig
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16.45 – 17.30 Closing reception – sharing of regional sweets and snacks	
	Free evening

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