Lifelong Learning and Employability

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The ETF is an agency of the European Union helping transition and developing countries to harness the potential of their human capital through the reform of education, training and labour market systems in the context of the EU’s external relations policy.
ETF CURRENT PARTNER COUNTRIES

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE AND TURKEY
Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey

SOUTHERN AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine**, Syria, and Tunisia

EASTERN EUROPE AND RUSSIA
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Russia

CENTRAL ASIA
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
ETF Strategic Projects

- Support to EU policy and external assistance
- Policy analysis and system-wide progress monitoring (Torino Process)
- Qualifications and qualifications systems
- Skills and VET governance
- VET provision and quality
- Employment, employability and mobility
- Entrepreneurial learning and enterprise skills
Unemployment in ETF Partner Countries

Unemployment rates, Total 15+ and Youth 15-24, (%) - 2015

Sources: National Statistical Offices, Eurostat, ILO
Youth unemployment rates in EU and major world economies, 2016 (% aged 15-24)

Source: ILOSTAT, EUROSTAT

AUS 12.7
CAN 13
JAP 5
USA 10.3
CHN 10.7
RUS 16.5
EU 18.7
DE 7.1
GR 47.3
NEETs: Youth not in Employment, Education or Training in ETF Partner Countries

NEETs rates 15-24 (%) - 2015

Sources: National Statistical Offices, Eurostat, ILO
Youths not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETs) in EU and major world economies, 2016 (% aged 15-24)

Source: ILOSTAT, EUROSTAT
Governance: Levels/actors

**VERTICAL DIMENSION**
(coordinating tiers)

NATIONAL LEVEL (Parliaments, Ministers, Inter-ministerial bodies-National executive and professional Agencies – socio-economic actors (employer and union associations, chambers, NGOs, etc.)

TERRITORIAL LEVEL
(Regional and local authorities, executive agencies, de-concentrated structures of national bodies, regional local socio-economic actors, social partner, chambers, NGOs, CBOs)

**HORIZONTAL DIMENSION**
(coordinating actors)

STATE ACTORS

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

NON-STATE ACTORS

SCHOOLS

TRAINING CENTRES

COMPANIES
ETF Toolkit: Getting Organised for Better Qualifications

This toolkit is the latest in a series of publications that we have produced to help policymakers in our partner countries solve the problems they face in reforming Qualification systems.

Find the Toolkit here:
https://www.etfqual.eu/

Most of the ETF’s 29 partner countries have national qualifications frameworks (NQFs) but these mainly exist only on paper or are only partially implemented.

This toolkit examines why countries are blocked and proposes solutions to speed up implementation. We go wider than the NQFs themselves. It is not about NQFs per se, but about qualification systems.

To tackle problems in implementing an NQF requires us to address the four key elements in a qualification system: laws, stakeholders, institutions and quality assurance.

So our focus is on qualification system reform and making it work.
Ideas for the future

Exploit the weakening of traditional learning pathways to innovate
- Learner / Trainee --- Teacher / Trainer
- Secondary / Tertiary --- Initial / Continuous

Re-think internationalisation
- Europe – and beyond
- Internationalise at local level
- Reward diversity

Understand labour markets changes
- Skills availability drives growth
- Focus on entrepreneurial communities
- Involve social partners
Thank you for your Attention!

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