

WESTERN BALKANS STEERING PLATFORMS ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING & RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Western Balkans Agenda:
Education, Training, Youth
ETF Update – Some Highlights

Enable a stronger participation in the Copenhagen Process for Vocational Education and Training (VET) and the Osnabrück Declaration 2020

- National Implementation Plans and monitoring of Osnabrück Declaration.
- Monitoring of VET system performance in support of LLL via Torino Process 2023.
- ETF Quality Assurance Forum, peer learning and expert discussions on resilience.
- Reviews of arrangements for validation of Non-Formal and Informal Learning and guidelines for developing and recognition of micro-credentials in 2023.
- Mapping of Qualification Recognition Agencies and review of challenges for mutual understanding of qualifications and recognition processes in EU/Neighborhood.
- Planned global network of databases on qualifications, digital credentials, learning opportunities, vacancies.

Foster research, innovation, education and vocational training capacity building

- Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans in 2022 and 2023 follow up, linking world of education and work in cooperation with EC and ILO.
- Career Guidance reviews in all six economies in 2022 and analysis in 2023 with UNICEF with focus on tailor-made services for Youth.
- TAIEX seminars on the relevance of Apprenticeship Schemes as YG offer with first meeting on 13/14 March 2023 in Brussels.
- JRC-ETF Exploratory study on Impact Investment for Skills Creation.
- Member of ERASMUS + Evaluation Committees and links with policy making.

A Green Agenda for the Western Balkans

- ETF-Network for Excellence (ENE) – International community of practitioners in VET Excellence.
- ENE-GRETA –Partnership for know-how, policy learning for Green Skills.
- Review of ecosystem for green skills development in all six economies and at regional levels in 2023.
- Policy platform with EUSDR/Pillar 9 on skills for inclusive green economies.
- Review of role of Centers for Excellence for green transition at global level.

A Europe fit for the digital age

- Pilot testing of SELFIE and SELFIE for work-based learning with DG JRC and DG EAC 2020-2022. Plan for piloting SELFIE for Teachers in 2023.
- Regional dialogue and exchange with ERI SEE on the Digital School.
- Regular dialogue and exchange with RCC through the WB Digital Steering Committee and Western Balkans Digital Summits.
- Regional Report on New Forms of Work.
- ETF ENE for Pedagogy and Professional Development.

Deepen Economic Union by linking the Western Balkan education and innovation activities and bringing them closer to the EU ones

- Skills development initiative for the agri-food sector as defined in Smart Specialization Priorities with SMEs and Chambers from the region.
- Review on skills for technology transfer in the region and meeting on 30/03/23.
- ETF ENE on entrepreneurship, education-business cooperation, industry 4.0 and digitalization, smart specialization-mobilizing innovation, ecosystems, SMEs.
- Inclusion in European Jobs and Skills Survey with results in spring 2023.
- Governance, WBL and social partner cooperation in Albania, Montenegro, Serbia.
- Regular dialogue through European Alliance for Apprenticeship network with meeting in Serbia 2022 and in ETF in 2023.

Thank you!

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