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Making better policies based on facts

Using evidence to inform policy is not a new idea. Without evidence, policy makers often fall back on intuition, ideology or conventional wisdom. They may also miss opportunities or make costly mistakes. But there are challenges to evidence-based policymaking: little usable evidence, limited resources, political or commercial pressures, habits and traditions. The ETF strives to use best evidence in its work and encourages and helps others to make policies based on facts.

International forum on the role of evidence in policies and strategies for vocational education and training
The Torino process: From policy learning to policy making
Turin, 9-11 May 2011

The ETF has completed the Torino Process and Education and Business study—the reviews of vocational education and training policies in 27 countries surrounding the European Union.



in education and labour markets, and the main challenges facing policymakers. Now it's time to take stock of the findings and ensure that the evidence informs the policies for the future.

The ETF therefore is inviting policymakers and experts to join an international forum in Turin to draw conclusions from the reviews, share knowledge and learn from each other how evidence can improve policymaking.

Key issues

What are the main priorities for policymakers following the Torino Process? How can policy makers better assess progress in vocational education reforms? What lessons can we learn about methodology of policy reviews? What are the challenges facing partner countries in making policies based on evidence? How can ETF support countries to further develop their capacities? These are the questions we'll try to answer together during the conference.

How can you benefit from participating in the forum?

If you take part in the forum, you'll be able to:

- Exchange experience with policymakers and learn from good practices and challenges documented in the Torino Process and reflect on how evidence-based approaches can support the policy cycle management,
- Get familiar with the international dimension of the EU2020 strategy in VET, and develop a common understanding of the implications at policy level for the partner countries,
- Give your own input to the programming of EU international aid in the human capital development sector in the context of the review of EU external relations policies, priorities and instruments,
- Meet the key people in the field as conference will include plenary sessions and interactive tracks so that there is enough space for active policy learning, discussion and networking.
- Enjoy the music at one of Turin's concert halls on the evening of 9 May, where the ETF and the guests can celebrate the Europe Day.

Who will also be there?

We expect 250 participants, among them around 120 from EU enlargement region, EU south and east neighbourhoods and Central Asia. There will be representatives of EU Member States, delegates from international organisations, international experts, and officials from the European Commission and other EU institutions.

More on the event [Learning from Evidence](#)

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