



HELPING COUNTRIES DEVELOP THROUGH LEARNING



Skills and human capital development can make a fundamental contribution to increasing prosperity, creating sustainable growth and encouraging social inclusion in transition and developing countries. This is the premise of the work of the European Training Foundation or the ETF.

The ETF is a decentralised agency of the European Union based in Turin, Italy. It works with partner countries' governments and other organisations, to give their citizens useful skills for growth, employment and active citizenship, as well as knowledge and lifelong learning opportunities. The ETF is active in 30 countries in South East Europe, Northern Africa and Middle East, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The ETF's vision is to make vocational education and training a driver for lifelong learning and sustainable development, with a special focus on competitiveness and social cohesion. The ETF helps 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.

SUPPORTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR ENTREPRENEURS

In many countries, the majority of businesses are small and medium-size enterprises. Ensuring start-ups succeed and grow is essential for economic growth. Developing entrepreneurial skills from a young age will help on two counts: entrepreneurship will be seen by more people as an attractive and viable career choice and young entrepreneurs will have a better understanding of the skills needed for success and, crucially, where to find support.

The ETF aims to help partner countries improve the environment for entrepreneurs by enhancing the capacity of partner country institutions and other stakeholders in developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing policies in the areas of entrepreneurial learning and enterprise skills.

Sharing good practice has been identified as a way to reduce time, cost and effort in bringing innovation and value to education and training and it is a key pillar of this project. To help training providers and policy makers overcome these constraints, the ETF has established an international good practice platform. The platform aims to facilitate knowledge sharing of peer reviewed good practices.



The ETF works closely with partner countries, Chambers of Commerce, employers' organisations and civic interest groups in promoting entrepreneurship through education and training. Particular emphasis is given to building policy frameworks and good practice sharing and promotion.

For the 9th World Chambers Congress, the ETF and the World Chambers Federation joined forces to identify the best in youth entrepreneurship training. The two organisations launched a call for good practice specifically focusing on training for young entrepreneurs and access to finance. The most innovative good practices submitted will provide the backdrop to a dedicated session on youth entrepreneurship at the 9th World Chambers Congress.

Join in the discussion on
Thursday 11 June at 14:00
at the workshop on
Youth entrepreneurship -
Bridging access to finance.



THE ETF'S AREAS OF EXPERTISE



THE ETF'S PARTNER COUNTRIES



Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo*, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine**, Russia, Serbia, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

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