



VET Decentralisation, financing and innovation :
exploring governance challenges and options

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Participant's Booklet

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NOTICE

This booklet has 3 main purposes:

- *Before the workshop: Filling in this fiche will help each participant to get prepared to the workshop with a first individual brainstorming. Please come to Turin with the result of this brainstorming, as a basis for deepening discussions during the workshop: the questions below will guide you through the logic of the workshop, and the different ways we will use to explore the interaction, in different country contexts, between decentralisation, financing, innovation, governance and regional development issues.*
- *During the workshop : this draft fiche will be further worked out collectively, to collect interesting practices and to prepare basic guidance for policy makers of your country by identifying key success factors and points of vigilance while planning regional and local governance reforms in VET.*
- *After the workshop : upon appraisal of participants, this fiche could be used as a monitoring tool, and updated by next year to capture the occurred changes in the relevant sections.*

1. Background (Session 1)

Administrative organisation : patterns and challenges

- **Is your country centralized/decentralized ?** What are the **main characteristics/issues of this decentralisation context** that need to be kept in mind while reflecting on VET decentralisation? What historic/socio-cultural elements need to be considered ?
- Which are the **main stakeholders** to count with ?
- What are the competencies of sub-national levels in social public policies?
- How far does this administrative organisation meet the objectives ? what are **the main challenges linked to this administrative organisation?**

VET system's organisation : patterns, challenges and options

- How do the abovementioned decentralization patterns reflect on VET (de)centralization?
- What are the main issues faced by the VET system that decentralization is/was expected to contribute to solve ?
- What are the **critical issues (obstacles, bottlenecks) encountered with VET (de)centralization**, with which **solutions/options** ?

My inspiring country examples on the COUNTRY DECENTRALISATION CONTEXT for VET decentralisation

2. Regional and local institutional setting for VET governance (Session 2)

Sub-national bodies for VET governance

- What is their institutional anchorage (including **leadership**), their **mandate, scope** (IVET, TVET, ALMP...), **functions**, their **composition, working modalities**?
- How do they interact or ensure coherence with approaches of **sectorial and national** policies and governing bodies (horizontal and vertical policy linkages)?
- How do they work in complementarity **with other general public policy governance bodies**?
- What are the main **difficulties/obstacles/bottlenecks** ?
- What are **promising elements/practices** of institutional setting

Governance measures towards VET providers autonomy

- Is autonomy of VET providers important and if so, why?
- What measures are taken to support autonomy of VET providers?

My inspiring country examples on regional and local INSTITUTIONAL SETTING for VET governance

3. Financing arrangements and tools, and their links with VET governance (Session 3)

3.1. Financing arrangements and tools

Please briefly describe the existing in terms of:

- Resource mobilisation tools : training tax or levy,
- Resource allocation tools and channels : levy-grant schemes for companies, formula funding, per capita, scholarships/grants/loans,
- Management and governance of financing : training fund, national training authority

3.2. Financing : a trigger or an impediment to decentralisation and VET school autonomy?

- Please share your analysis of how these tools and arrangements foster and hamper the governance of VET at decentralized levels.
- Are there currently some reform elements in discussion to ensure closer links between financing tools and policy objectives?

My inspiring country examples on VET FINANCING tools for regional/local governance of VET

4. VET governance and regional innovation (Session 4)

- Is the relationship between VET and innovation reflected at national policy level ? If so, what are the institutional and budgetary commitments that reflect this?
- Is the relationship between VET, competitiveness and growth reflected in sub-national strategies? If so, where and how ?
- How are skills needs anticipated so that VET provision boosts innovation?
- What are the institutionalised or informal mechanisms for cooperation with business? What are the opportunities for civic participation? How meaningful is the cooperation?
- Is VET provision responsive to the needs of a competitive economy? How do national and sub-national governance structures and processes interlock, and inform policy and decision-making?
- What is the impact of decentralisation on the link between VET and innovation?

My inspiring country examples on VET governance and regional INNOVATION

5. Reform management (Session 5, planning for change)

Please explain briefly how VET reform, in particular VET governance reform, possibly through decentralisation of the system, occurs : how is organised in terms of planning, time frame, institutional capacity reinforcement, change management ...

What are the main success stories worth sharing ?

What are the main bottlenecks to reform implementation?

My inspiring country examples on REFORM MANAGEMENT

6. Additional points for discussion and peer learning

MAIN CONCERNS FOR DISCUSSION

Please share here any crucial question/policy issue or technical problem you would like to get other countries' experience on. It can be emphasizing any of the topics previously tackled, or be related to un-tackled issues of VET governance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please also leave contact or web details for easier reference if some participants want to know more :

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