

AGENDA

ETF Skills Lab Network of Experts Webinar

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE SEMED REGION

18 NOVEMBER 2024 – 10:00 - 12:00 CET

SUMMARY

University graduates in the SEMED Region (Southeastern Mediterranean) suffer a high rate of unemployment and an inadequacy of skills in the labour market. Employers are looking for graduates with strong theoretical knowledge that is blended with practical savviness. The integration of a vocational education approach in higher education can lead to enhanced employability, an industry-relevant curriculum, and an interdisciplinary approach. A strategy based on a close collaboration between Higher Education and Vocational Education is the approach that the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and its partners propose to build to mitigate the issue of unemployment in the region. The webinar, based on key orientations and priority areas identified in the UfM report “Towards a Union for the Mediterranean Strategy on Developing New Vocational Pathways in Higher Education” will discuss opportunities and challenges of building pathways to higher education. Experts from the SEMED Region, UfM, and ETF will shed light on the major questions and provide their insights on how to bridge the gap between vocational education and higher education. The webinar will also include two Q&A sessions during which participants can contribute with their insights and exchange with the speakers.

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
10:00 - 10:05	Opening, rules of engagement, overview of the agenda	Cristiana Burzio, ETF
10:05 – 10:20	ETF overview on current activities to ease pathways from TVET to Higher Education	Abdelaziz Jaouani, ETF
10:20- 10:40	Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat and UNIMED perspectives on opportunities and challenges for improved pathways from TVET to HE	Giuseppe Provenzano, Union for the Mediterranean Silvia Marchionne, UNIMED
10:40 – 11:10	Q&A and discussion	Moderated by Najib Hamouti, regional facilitator
11:10 – 11:30	Sharing of experience of current policies and measures in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries, the example of Morocco	Mohamed Slassi, Morocco
11:30 – 11:55	Q&A and discussion	Moderated by Najib Hamouti, regional facilitator
11:55 – 12:00	Conclusions	Cristiana Burzio, ETF