

## EDUCATION POLICY WORKSHOP

# EU-ETF RAPID EDUCATION DIAGNOSIS (RED) OF ARMENIA: SHARING FINDINGS AND CO-CREATING RECOMMENDATIONS

**THURSDAY, 30 JANUARY 2025**

**VENUE: HOTEL HOLIDAY INN YEREVAN – REPUBLIC SQUARE  
AMIRYAN STR. 2, YEREVAN, 0010**

### Background and Rationale

This workshop is organised by the European Training Foundation (ETF), to present and discuss the draft results of the Rapid Education Diagnosis (RED) conducted in 2024. The RED was implemented by the ETF as the first component of the EU-funded “Supporting Education Reforms and Skills in Eastern Partnership” (SER) Programme.

The Rapid Education Diagnosis (RED) methodology aims to identify and document critical elements of the education sector, including system’s weaknesses, policy gaps, bottlenecks, and risks. The results are intended to inform the Government of the Republic of Armenia (hereafter, Armenia), the European Union (EU), and development partners, helping to guide their priority interventions. The findings will also support the policy dialogue between the EU and Armenia.

The workshop will bring together a diverse group of national partners from both public institutions and civil society organizations. The goals of the workshop are to:

- i) Share the key findings and tentative recommendations of the draft Rapid Education Diagnosis (RED) report on Armenia;
- ii) Collect feedback, including additional suggestions or updated data and information, which will contribute to finalising the report.

### Target Participants

The workshop will bring together the following participants:

- Representatives from the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of Armenia (MoESCS) at both central and sub-national levels, as well as from agencies under the MoESCS and line ministries involved in the education system (e.g., Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs).
- Representatives from educational institutions, including those from general education, vocational education and training, and higher education.
- Representatives from civil society organizations active in the education sector.
- Representatives from the EU Delegation to Armenia and the European Training Foundation (ETF).

*The workshop will be conducted in English and Armenian, with simultaneous interpretation provided.*

## AGENDA

Time	Venue: “Holiday Inn Yerevan - Republic Square”, Amiryan Str. 2, Yerevan
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome and registration
09:00 – 9:45	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p>Moderated by <i>SER National Coordinator, Robert Stepanyan</i></p> <p>Introductory remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Armenia, <i>Deputy Minister Ms Araksia Svajyan</i></li><li>- European Training Foundation (ETF), <i>Timo Kuusela, Senior Human Capital Development Expert, SER Programme Coordinator: State of play of the implementation of the regional “Supporting Education Reforms and Skills in EaP (SER)” Programme</i></li></ul>
9:45 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 1:</b> <b>Presentation of the outcomes of the Rapid Education Diagnosis (RED)</b></p> <p>Moderated by <i>Marie Dorleans, Senior Human Capital Development Expert, RED Coordinator, ETF</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Presentation of the RED findings by thematic dimension (inequalities, financing, governance) and of the proposed recommendations</li><li>- Quick feedback harvesting</li></ul>
11:00 – 11.20	Coffee break
11:20 – 12:45	<p><b>Session 2:</b> <b>Plenary discussion: Enriching findings and co-creating recommendations</b></p> <p>Moderated by <i>ETF and the MoESCS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Identification of additional suggestions for improving the education sector's performance, <i>facilitated by ETF RED team members</i></li><li>- Consolidation of discussion, <i>Marie Dorleans, ETF</i></li></ul>
12:45 – 13.00	<p><b>Closing session</b></p> <p>Moderated by <i>SER National Coordinator, Robert Stepanyan</i></p> <p>Conclusions and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Armenia, <i>Deputy Minister Ms Araksia Svajyan</i></li><li>- ETF, <i>Timo Kuusela</i></li></ul>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch