

Rapid Education Diagnosis (RED) Ukraine

Validation workshop

25-26 March 2026, Vienna, Austria

Concept Note

Background and Rationale

The peer learning event titled **RED Ukraine – Validation Workshop** will take place from 25-26 March 2026 in Vienna, Austria. This event is a key milestone of the diagnostic assessment of the Ukrainian education system jointly conducted by the ETF and World Bank with a view to discussing the emerging results of the RED analyses and ways forward. RED Ukraine is implemented in the framework of the EU financed Supporting Education Reforms and Skills (SER) programme in Eastern Partnership.

During the two-day event, findings, analysis and good practices will be discussed between delegation led by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and representatives from the European Commission and EU Delegation as well as with experts of the ETF, the World Bank and EU Member States. The event will include presentations, moderated discussions between participants and guided roundtables. The event will conclude with the validation of key policy recommendations and an agreement on next steps for the finalization, publication and dissemination of the RED report.

Objectives

The objectives of the workshop are as follows:

1. **Present findings of the diagnosis and build a common understanding of the main trends and challenges of Education system in Ukraine:** Participants will gain insights into the issues identified in the education sector in the areas of governance, quality, access and financing, supported with the presentation of the analysis drawn from the evidence collection that took place in Ukraine from November 2025 to March 2026.
2. **Exchange of Experiences and Knowledge:** The workshop will facilitate the exchange of experiences and knowledge on good practices in Ukraine as well as successful policy options implemented in EU MS in response to challenges relevant to Ukraine's priorities in the field of education.
3. **Discover Actionable Recommendations:** Participants will work together on key priority areas which need attention in Ukraine's education reforms to improve quality

and inclusive lifelong delivery and governance in Ukraine and enhance policy implementation of reforms.

Expected outcome

The workshop is expected to validate and further enrich the findings of the RED analytical work and to generate an agreed set of priority areas and recommendations for the Ukrainian education system, to be reflected in the final version of the RED Ukraine Report.

Target participants

Participants will include senior representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science (MoES) of Ukraine and the broader Ukrainian education system, experts in education governance, financing and equity, representatives from the European Commission as well as staff and experts from the World Bank and the ETF. The total number of participants is expected to be around 30.

Logistics

Date: 25-26 March

Venue: Lindner Hotel, Rennweg 12, 1030 Vienna, Austria

Language: English/Ukrainian, with simultaneous interpretation

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Time	Day 1 - Policy phase & Findings (Part 1)
09:00 - 09:30	<p>Official opening and scene setting</p> <p>Yevhen Kudriavets, First Deputy Minister of Education and Science, online Rita Almeida, Education & Skills Manager for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank Timo Kuusela, SER programme coordinator, ETF</p>
09.30 - 10.30	<p>Ukrainian policy and reform priorities in education</p> <p>Presenter: Representative from the Ukrainian Ministry of Education and Science – 40 min <u>Focus:</u> Current priorities; alignment with selected systemic issues; constraints and opportunities)</p> <p>Q&A – 20 min</p>
10:30 – 11.00	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:00 - 11:30	<p>EU perspective for policy recommendations</p> <p>Presenter: European Commission representative – 15 min <u>Focus:</u> Current priorities; alignment with selected systemic issues; constraints and opportunities.</p> <p>Q&A – 15 min</p>
11:30 – 12:00	<p>RED methodology & data collection</p>

	<p>Presenter: Nicolas Jonas (ETF) – 10 min Discussants: Enrique O. Alasino Massetti (World Bank), Andrii Litvinchuk (Institute of Education Analytics of the MoES, Ukraine) <u>Focus</u>: Shared understanding of RED scope, Ukraine adaptation, and data constraints.</p> <p>Q&A – 10 min</p>
12:00 - 13:00	<p>Findings. Dimension 1: Governance</p> <p>Moderator: Tamar Kitiashvili (ETF) Presenter: Andriy Dubovyk (International Expert) – 30 min Panel discussion – 30 min</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Dimension 1: Governance continues</p> <p>Panel discussion – 45 min</p> <p>Q&A – 15 min</p>
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 16:30	<p>Synthesis of Dimension 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of key priorities and recommendations <p>Moderator: ETF Room reaction</p>
16:30 - 17:00	<p>Practical Notes & Close Day 1</p> <p>ETF, WB</p>
19:00 - 21:00	Official Dinner at Gmoa Keller

Thursday, 26 March 2026

Time	Day 2 - Findings (Part 2)
09:00 - 09:30	Recap of Day 1 Structured recap of key points and selected issues
09:30 - 10:30	Findings. Dimension 2 – Financing Moderator: World Bank Presenter: Luc Gacougnolle (International Expert) – 30 min Panel discussion
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:30	Findings. Dimension 2 – Financing (cont.) Moderator: World Bank Panel discussion Q&A – 15 min Synthesis of Dimension 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identification of key priorities and recommendations
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:30	Findings. Dimension 3 – Equity and quality Moderator: Mirela Gavoci & Nicolas Jonas (ETF) Presenter: Andriy Dubovyk (International Expert) – 30 min Panel discussion – 75 min Q&A – 15 min
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 16.30	Synthesis of Dimension 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identification of key priorities and recommendations Moderator: Mirela Gavoci & Nicolas Jonas (ETF) Room reaction
16:30 – 17:00	Agreement on a roadmap and further analyses (Beyond RED) Moderator: Timo Kuusela Room reaction
17.00 - 17:15	Closing Session Short summaries and next steps. Closing remarks: Ukrainian delegation, World Bank, ETF.

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