

AGENDA

TITLE:

Governance of Youth Guarantee – sharing practices

16.06.2026, 11.00-12.30 CEST IN ZOOM

SUMMARY:

The Governance Learning, Action and Dialogues (GLAD) network, launched by the European Training Foundation (ETF) in 2022, supports system-level reforms in vocational education and training (VET), lifelong learning (LLL) and employment policies in the partner countries of the EU.

GLAD promotes participatory approaches to the governance of VET, LLL and employment – in short, human capital development (HCD). To this end, it brings together state and non-state actors, including governmental and public institutions, social partners, business organisations, civil society representatives and practitioners that are committed to mutual learning and policy dialogue.

In this GLAD webinar our focus is on the Youth Guarantee (YG) implementation, the governance challenges involved and the opportunities it offers to place young people at the centre of policies. Started as a EU flagship initiative, the YG has become central also in candidate countries' education and employment measures addressed to young people.

The recent ETF study on practices of YG governance has revealed that fragmented delivery and weak coordination are common challenges, owing to responsibilities spread across institutions and levels, limited data sharing and cooperation between education, employment and social services. Countries can address these governance issues and move towards an integrated “pipeline” of the YG's phases: mapping of young people not in education or in the labour market, outreach and entering into dialogue with them, preparation of an offer of education, training and/or employment, and delivery of the offer.

This capacity to respond to governance challenges in YG implementation reflects the long experience of EU member states like Estonia and Slovenia, and it currently applies to countries that started out recently on YG, like Albania.

By building a common vision about young people's strategic place in the society, engaging public, private and third sectors, investing in interoperable data systems, enhancing the competence of youth workers and public employment service (PES), and reinforcing delivery at local level, countries enable early identification of young people in need, personalised support through better and inter-sectoral case management, and continuous feedback to improve the YG performance based on what works.

The ETF study emphasizes that stronger local partnerships (PES, municipalities, education/training providers, employers, CSOs) can expand outreach, prepare young people for training, work-based learning or employment opportunities, and align offers more closely with labour market needs.

Albania, Estonia and Slovenia will share their practices. All participants in the webinar are invited to address questions to the speakers and contribute own experience regarding the YG implementation.

The webinar language will be English, with interpretation into BCMS, Albanian, Ukrainian and Romanian.

Time	Agenda Item
11:00 - 11:10	Welcome, introduction and short video <i>Siria Taurelli, GLAD coordinator, Senior HCD Specialist, ETF</i>
11:10 – 11:55	Understanding Governance of Youth Guarantee through country practices <i>moderated by Siria Taurelli, ETF</i> <i>Jonida Lika, National Agency for Employment and Skills of Albania</i> <i>Jana Rožac, Youth and Employment Service of Slovenia</i> <i>Heidi Paabort, Ministry of Education and Communication of Estonia</i> Q&A during and after the presentations, from the floor and chat <i>by Liia Kaarlõp, ETF</i>
11:55 – 12:15	Open dialogue on key elements of YG governance and lessons learned <i>moderated by Denise Loughran, ETF</i> <i>Jonida Lika, National Agency for Employment and Skills of Albania</i> <i>Jana Rožac, Youth and Employment Service of Slovenia</i> <i>Heidi Paabort, Ministry of Education and Communication of Estonia</i>
12:15 – 12:25	Q&A from the floor and chat, <i>by Liia Kaarlõp, ETF</i>
12:25 – 12:30	Wrap up and closing remarks <i>Denise Loghran and Siria Taurelli, ETF</i>