
AGENDA

GLAD Network for EU Candidate Countries - knowledge sharing and dissemination event

29TH SEPTEMBER 2026 – 11:00-12:30 CEST – ONLINE EVENT

Registration link: <https://tree.zoom.us/meeting/register/8PJseV-kTsm9hrelnZK45w>

The **ETF-supported GLAD Network for EU Candidate Countries** continues to promote peer learning and cooperation on skills governance and vocational education and training (VET) reforms across the enlargement region. Established in April 2025, the Network brings together members of the EU Advisory Committee on Vocational Training (ACVT) from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine.

The Network's work was recently highlighted at the June 2026 meeting of the **ACVT**, where members presented key lessons emerging from regional peer learning and exchange. Their presentation underscored the importance of effective coordination, social dialogue, employer engagement and shared ownership of skills reforms by governments and social partners. The initiative was welcomed by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), which called for stronger cooperation between social partners from the EU and candidate countries, including through collaboration between ETF and Cedefop.

Building on this momentum, **the webinar will present the main findings of the GLAD Network's work, including a paper on the governance of skills reforms in EU candidate countries and reflections on preparations for participation in the Union of Skills.** It will **showcase successful governance approaches** that support the attractiveness, excellence and inclusiveness of VET, with particular attention to institutional arrangements for skills systems governance and stronger partnerships for VET, especially in the planning and delivery of work-based learning (WBL).

The event will provide a platform for participants to exchange experiences, discuss common governance challenges and strengthen mutual learning between EU candidate countries and EU Member States.

The webinar will:

- present the main findings and recommendations emerging from the GLAD Network's work on skills governance in EU candidate countries;
- showcase good practices in institutional arrangements, social dialogue and partnerships supporting VET reforms;
- discuss governance approaches that strengthen the planning and delivery of work-based learning;
- reflect on candidate countries' preparations for participation in the Union of Skills;
- facilitate peer learning and dialogue between policymakers and social partners from candidate countries and EU Member States; and
- identify opportunities for continued cooperation and knowledge exchange within the GLAD Network and beyond.

Time	Agenda Item
11:00 - 11:10	Opening and webinar topic Siria Taurelli, Senior Human Capital Development Expert - GLAD Coordinator, ETF
11:10 - 12:00	Panel discussion on good practices in institutional arrangements, social dialogue and partnerships supporting VET reforms: • Marko Vukašinić, Director General, Directorate for International Cooperation, European Integration and EU Funds, Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation of Montenegro • Jelena Budimčević, Serbian Employers' Association • Anisa Subashi, Confederation of Trade Unions of Albania Q&A
12:00 - 12:10	Good governance for VET progress overview Roberto Righi, STePS
12:10 - 12:25	Open discussion on governance of VET reforms, notably institutional arrangements and partnerships Short online survey
12:25 - 12:30	Conclusions