



WORKSHOP

Title of the workshop: *Entrepreneurial communities: leading change through skills development and job creation*

Date & Time: 16/10 10h30-11h45

Room: Principessa Felicita

Organizers: European Training Foundation (ETF)

Contact person (name and email):

1. Description of the session:

Local skills are quintessential for sustainable economic development, territorial cohesion and innovation. In order to foster effectively equitable economic growth, national policies need to be responsive to the needs of their regions and localities and support them in providing the conditions for generating growth. This requires governance arrangements that are multilevel and multi-actor, and facilitate local flexibility in the implementation of skills policies.

Multilevel approaches to governance entail coordination and cooperation at the vertical level (among central and local actors) and at the horizontal level (among actors at the same administrative level). Multilevel approaches to governance in education and training open up opportunities for dialogue on shaping and implementing skills policies. They can help to ensure greater effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, transparency and accountability of education and training policies in the overall strategic development of a country.

The workshop will present practical cases on how locality-based partnerships 'Entrepreneurial Communities' for skills are created, develop and make change happen through innovation and

partnerships. An interactive discussion supported by videos and live testimonies will be facilitated by ETF experts.

2. Objective of the session:

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3. Key points of discussion:

- **Why local skills matter?**

Based on practical examples, what is the potential of local communities in ensuring that local labour markets and private sector needs are accommodated, helping to spark a virtuous circle of local economic welfare and job creation.

- **How can local actors engage more effectively?**

Local actors come together often to fill a gap and they seek mutual benefits in the integration of actions and partnership. Their efforts, when supported by enabling institutional settings and a vision for skills and development, can generate change and affect the whole society. What are the key ingredients of these partnerships? The entrepreneurial communities' case studies will open up the debate.

- **What policies enable and foster horizontal and vertical cooperation from a local perspective?**

As evidence and examples on what drives local partnerships (entrepreneurial communities) becomes available through the workshop, supportive policies will be identified and discussed, through an enriching debate and exchange among participants.

4. List of invited speakers/moderator/facilitators:

- Pirita Vuorinen, Regional Development Specialist, European Training Foundation
- Manuela Prina, Senior Human Capital Development Specialist, European Training Foundation

5. List of Background Documents:

- CV with photograph and a brief presentation of the key note speaker (max 10-12 lines)
- Logo of the Co-Organizing Partner





- **Related Document**