

AGENDA

TITLE:

ETF Seminar on The Role of Teachers in Green and Digital Transition: The Contribution of Social Dialogue

TIMING: 20TH APRIL 2023 FROM 10:00 TO 12:30 CEST

SUMMARY:

This online seminar will discuss the contribution of teachers in social dialogue to the successful achievement of the green and digital transitions in Partner Countries of the European Union.

The seminar is organised by the European Training Foundation (ETF) in cooperation with the European Trade Union Committee for Education ([ETUCE](#)) in the framework of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union and in the context of the EU's Year of Skills.

Background

As countries emerge from the pandemic, the international economy is increasingly being influenced by new trends and discussions related to pervasive digitalisation and growing need for sustainable economic development. These trends are expected to shape education and labour market participation for the foreseeable future.

Through its Digital Education and Learning for the Green Transition initiatives¹, the EU and its members states have prepared a substantial set of policies and programmes to address the developments. For the Partner Countries of the EU, in the South-Eastern Europe and in the European Neighbourhood region, as well as for the countries of Central Asia, these approaches have the potential to be a reference point for their education systems which face major challenges in the post pandemic period.

¹ [Digital education | European Education Area \(europa.eu\)](#)
[Learning for the green transition and sustainable development | European Education Area \(europa.eu\)](#)

The teaching profession is recognised by all countries as having a key role in achieving these transitions. However, while the overall objectives of these transitions are clear, the pathways to their achievement will vary between countries and will involve ongoing dialogue between education stakeholders to identify effective initiatives and practices.

As part of ETF's work on Social Dialogue in the Partner countries of the EU, the seminar will reflect on the contribution that teachers, in particularly in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector can make to the ability of the education systems to successfully adapt to digitalisation and sustainability and how they can access the experiences of the European Union.

The seminar will be in two sessions.

Session 1 will discuss the broad needs of VET teacher development created by the transition towards more digitalisation and sustainability in Partner countries in meeting these changes.

Session 2 will look at digitalisation and the contribution of Europe's education architecture bringing together several experts with different perspectives on the issue, offering the audience a thought-provoking discussion that analyses the green and digital transition from many angles.

This event includes participants from the ETF, the ETUCE, experts from Partner Countries and EU Member States.

Interpretation will be available in English, French and Russian.

The participants look at clarifying and defining opportunities for further cooperation in the area of teaching and schools as well as managing expectations between policy makers, teachers and trade unions.

The conclusions of the seminar will be used to inform the ETF's programme of work with Partner Countries in the period 2023-2027.

Time: 10-12.30	
10:00 - 10:10	Welcome and introduction Swedish Presidency and the ETF
10:10 - 10:35	Professional development needs and opportunities for VET teachers in green and digital transitions in ETF Partner Countries Mr Julian Stanley, Senior Specialist, ETF Ms Borka Visnic, International Cooperation Coordinator of the Teachers Union of Serbia Ms Marina Alugishvili, Trade Union of Teachers of Georgia A perspective on the Green Transition, Ms Susanne Nielsen, ETF
10:35 - 11:00	Open discussion facilitated by Mr Vincent McBride and Ms Liia Kaarlõp, ETF Questions and Answers
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Screen break</i>
11:15 - 11:35	Outlook of the EU in the perspective of the Swedish Presidency by Ms Cristina Pontis, Swedish Ministry of Education and Research The future of VET – the role of teachers in in the context of digital and green transitions by Ms Agnes Roman, ETUCE
11:35 - 11:45	Lessons from SELFIE in digital trends in ETF Partner countries, Mr Alessandro Brolpito, ETF
11:45 – 12:15	Open discussion facilitated by Mr Vincent McBride and Ms Liia Kaarlõp, ETF Questions and Answers
12:15 – 12:30	Conclusions Ms Rossella Benedetti, ETUCE Ms Siria Taurelli, Governance and Quality Assurance Team Leader, ETF

