



European Training Foundation

EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION

The ETF: the EU agency supporting countries to develop through learning

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The ETF is an agency of the European Union, helping EU neighbouring countries to reform their own education and training systems, in line with the EU's external relations policies.





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Short video on ETF

MORE ABOUT US

Established
1990 Council
reg. 1360

Operational from
1994

Based in
Turin, Italy

Financed by
European Union

Staff
130
(December 2017)

Budget
€20.144m 2018

Partner countries
29



WHERE DO WE WORK

In 2019 ETF
started to
support the
African Union



ETF PARTNER COUNTRIES

A very diverse picture

Geography

History

Political
Stability

Demography

Culture

Different levels of Economic development

GDP per capita



Highest GDPc

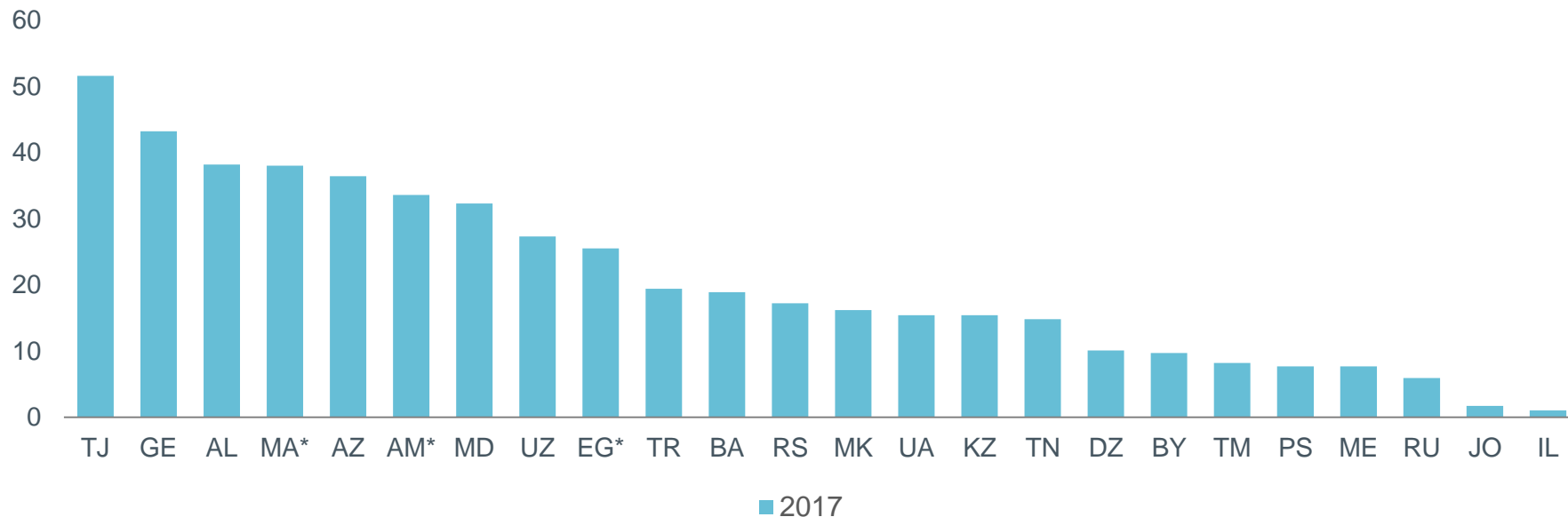
Israel	38262
Turkey	26505
Kazakhstan	26410

Lowest GDPc

Palestine	4885
Kyrgyzstan	3726
Tajikistan	3180

Agriculture remains important in many countries

Employment share of agriculture



Decreasing but Still significant poverty



At least **1/4**
of the population
under the national
poverty line

Lebanon Kyrgyzstan

Palestine Tajikistan

Serbia Armenia

Egypt

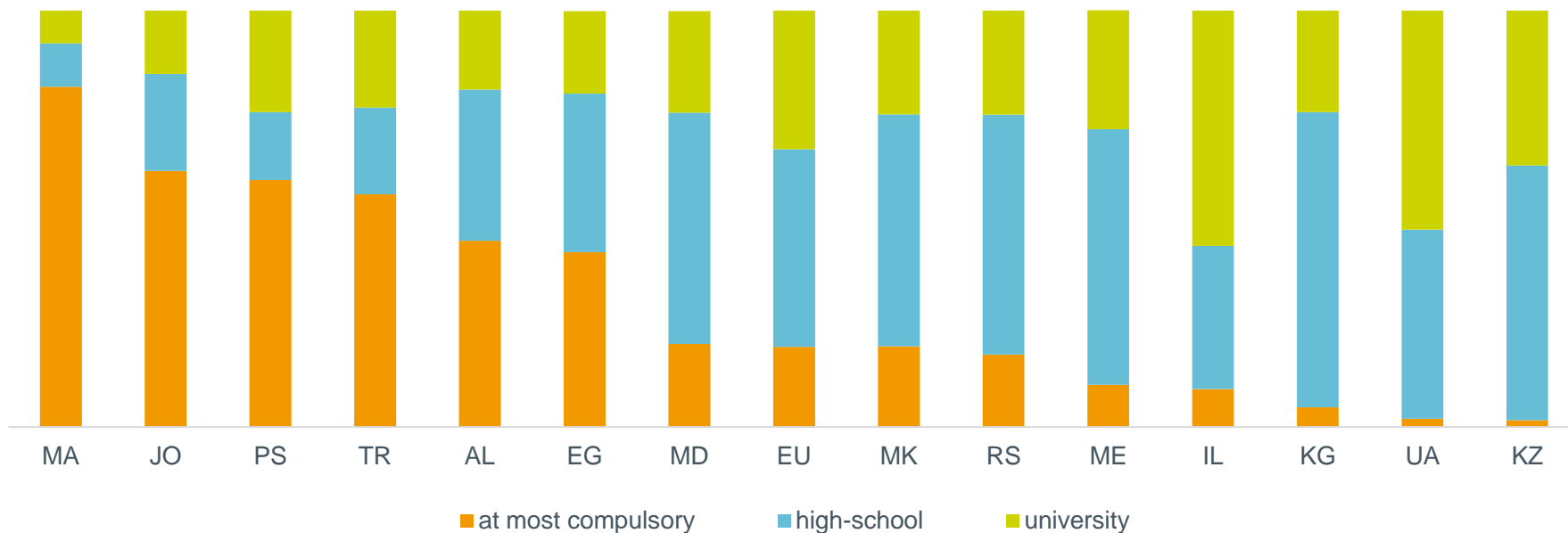


HUMAN CAPITAL



Low Education attainment in some countries

Labour force by education



Low participation in Lifelong learning

Adult participation in lifelong learning (2016/2017)
(% of 25-64-year-olds)

EU

Former Yugoslav
Republic of Macedonia

Israel

Bosnia and Herzegovina

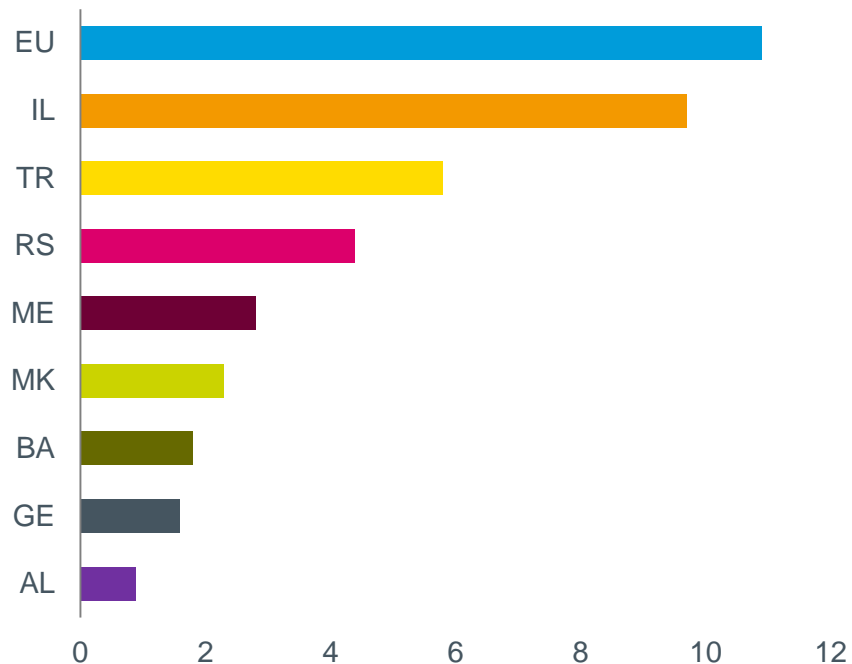
Turkey

Georgia

Serbia

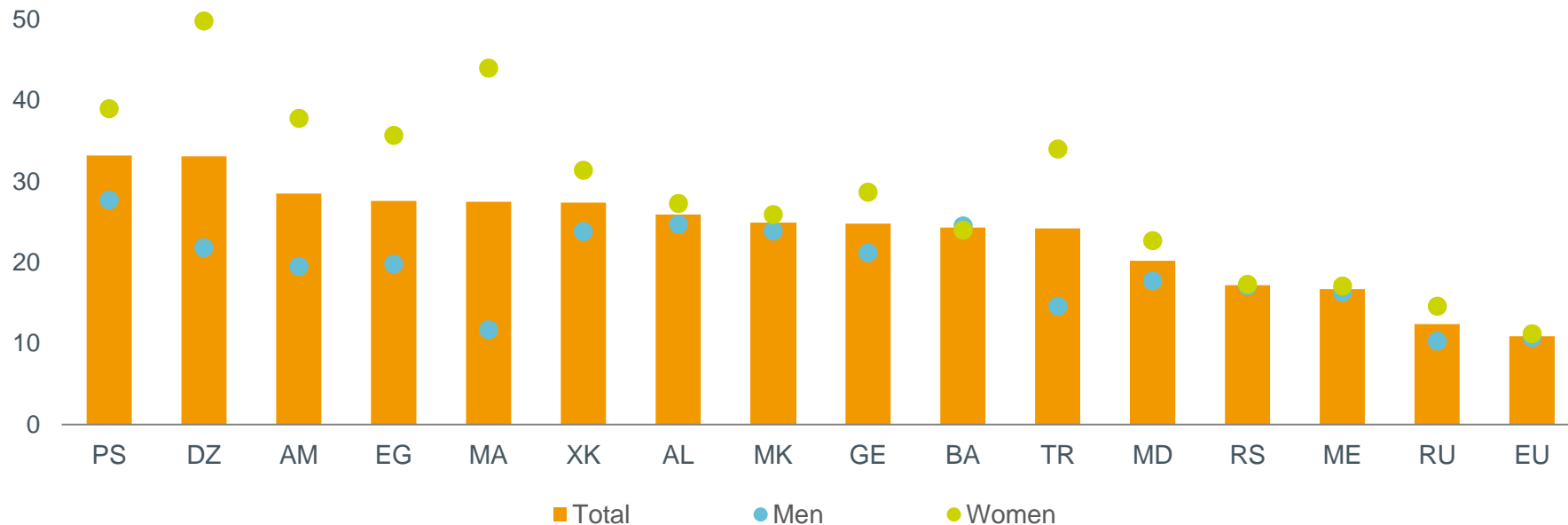
Albania

Montenegro



High rate of youth NEETs

Youth not in employment, education, training (2016/2017)



high skills mismatch

Tertiary graduates working in semi-skilled occupations (ISCO 4-9), 2016

36.1 Georgia

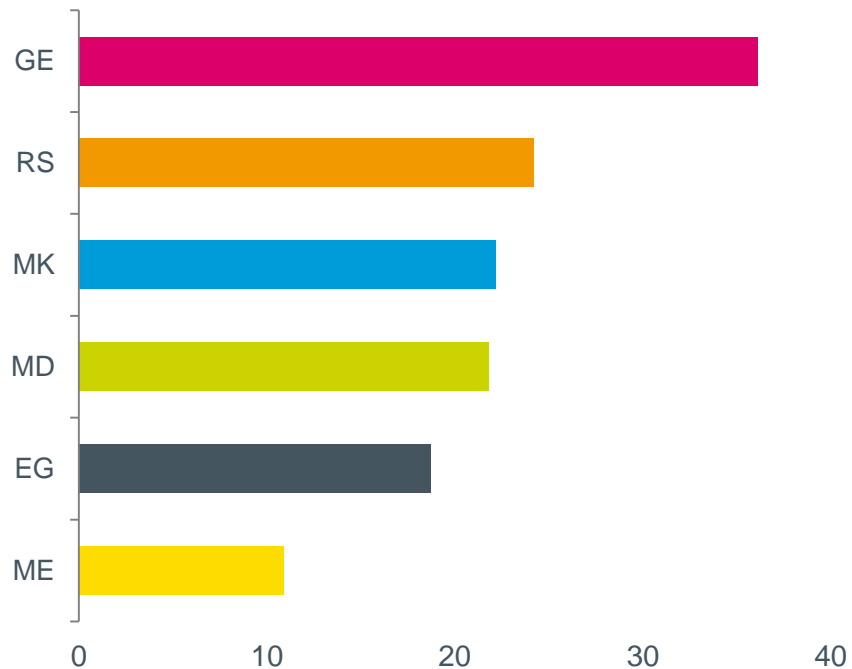
24.2 Serbia

22.2 Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

21.8 Moldova

18.7 Egypt

10.9 Montenegro



SUPPORTING PARTNER COUNTRIES

The EU created us to advance **human capital development** in countries **outside the EU**.

We support the **skills dimension** of the EU's **external action policy**.

'**Human capital development**' shall be defined as work which contributes to the lifelong development of individuals' **skills** and competences, through the improvement of **vocational education and training systems**.

ETF Council Regulation



OUR EXPERTISE



Improving skills

Digital and online learning

Qualifications

Teacher/trainer training

Work-based learning

Career guidance



Promoting employability

Youth employability

Women's & youth entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurial learning

Small Business Act assessment

Enterprise skills



Making systems work for everyone

Governance

Policy analysis

Progress monitoring (Torino Process)

Financing and funding



Working for a global Europe

Assistance to EU Delegations

Advising EU policy-making

Supporting EU institutions

Managing relationships with international donors

OUR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES



System and thematic studies

Torino Process

Monitoring and diagnosis

Inventories

Thematic reviews



Methodologies and toolkits

Guides on specific areas

Toolkits with online access

Ad-hoc training by ETF or with partners



Policy Advice

Ad-hoc policy advice on expertise areas

Facilitation of policy development

Quality backstopping

Benchmarking against EU



Capacity building

Ad-hoc support to countries

Peer learning across countries

Peer learning countries-EU

Policy learning



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COOPERATION WITH ETF

MODALITIES OF COOPERATION



FORMAL

TENDERS
EXPERTS CONTRACTS
SERVICES
RECRUITMENT
Through ETF website



CONTRIBUTE TO GUIDES/ METHODOLOGIES

EXPERT INPUT
SHARING PRACTICES
CASE STUDIES



Policy learning

ETF EVENTS : free to join 'at your own cost'
JOINT missions
INTELLIGENCE AND NETWORK ACCESS
PEER REVIEWS of country analysis and policy reviews



PROJECTS

JOINT PROJECTS (possible, to be approved by the Governing Board of the ETF)

EU Investments in human capital development in the ETF partner countries in 2014-2020

- **SEET** **EUR 2.1 B**
- **EaP** **EUR 616.6 M**
- **SEMED** **EUR 1.2 B**
- **CA** **EUR ?**

What kind of expertise is in high demand?

1. Systemic VET reform expertise (governance, financing, provision, teacher education & training, school management, curriculum & standards, LLL etc.)
2. Links with the labour market (cooperation with employers, PPP, work based learning, skills matching and anticipation, career guidance & counselling, employability, youth employment, LMIS etc.)
3. Capacity to contextualise knowledge and expertise in a new environment
4. Tools, methods, hands-on & innovative solutions
5. Language skills (English but not only - Russian, French, etc.)
6. EU member states practices (portfolio/menu of approaches)

How to get involved?

1. Competitive market!
2. Participation in international/EU projects – learning by doing
3. Networking and cooperation with experienced partners – access to opportunities & good practices
4. Create a team of experts whom you can send abroad and invest in their core competences: languages, analytical, drafting & presentation, research skills
5. Enlarge the number of experts who can share expertise and practices on system level issues and operations

Why Finnish expertise?

Finnish education is a world-class brand – benefit from it!

1. Teacher education and training
2. School autonomy and management
3. Competence based qualifications
4. Individualised learning paths – VNFIL
5. LLL
6. Key competence development
7. Attractiveness of VET
8. Skills anticipation – future skills needs



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