

Observatories Experiences and Challenges for the Egyptian Observatory



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Observatory function...

∞ Consequences of LM transformations

- **Need to observe and analyse permanently the interactions between training, education and employment**
- **Need to anticipate changes and provide public and private decision makers with reliable information**
- **Need for a new field of expertise: a Network**



Observatories Experiences in France

Regional Observatories in France

∞ Prime Minister Declaration (1988)

- Context of decentralisation
- Complex relationship between Training, LM
- No single institution in charge of analysis, action
- Tool at regional level (decision for VET)
- Sharing of resources: Regional Council, decentralised state institutions (MOE, ML...)



Regional Observatories in France

∞ **22 Regional Observatories**

∞ **Common Objectives**

- **To support regional decision making process in the fields of VET and Labour Market**
- **To disseminate Results and Publications**

∞ **Common Structure**

- **An orientation committee**
- **A team of few experts and a working network**
- **Official agreement renewed every 5 years**
- **Costs shared by Regional Council, decentralised State**

Sectorial Observatories in France

- ∞ 10 Professional, Sectorial, National Observatories
- ∞ Common Objectives
 - To support decision making process in the fields of VET and Labour Market: national, regional levels
 - To follow-up VET diploma
 - To support training centers
 - To collect taxes from firms (continuing training)
 - To work with regional Observatories
- ∞ Common Structure
 - A steering committee
 - A team of few experts: 2 for Construction, 4 for Repair...
 - Costs shared by Business association, firms taxes



Observatories Experiences In European Countries



National Observatories in Europe

∞ 24 National Observatories in Transition Countries

- Launched with ETF support since 1996
- Financing: shared institutions, grants, projects applied from different national and international agencies

∞ Common Organisation

- A steering committee
- A team of few experts hosted by existing national agency
- A networking activity with national stakeholders, information providers, donors, and experts



National Observatories in Europe

∞ Common Objectives

- **Collect data relevant to VET and LM**
- **Analyse VET and LM systems**
- **Support policy makers in identification for VET development**
- **Support the creation of partnership, network**
- **Disseminate results to different target groups**
- **Develop cooperation with international networks**

National Observatories in Europe

∞ Outcomes

- Yearly updated reports, indicators
- Thematic overviews
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Coordination of different studies, surveys, seminars
- Harmonization and sharing of data, indicators...
- Participation in teams working out strategies, development plans



National Observatories in Europe

∞ Strengths

- Impartial position recognized
- Knowledge about VET and LM systems
- Active promoter of innovation, policy development
- Strong appreciated leader
- Knowledge about statistics, database...
- Links with different networks

National Observatories in Europe

∞ Lessons learned

- Monitoring VET and LM is a continuous learning process
- Mutual influence from Network experts
- Strong interinstitutional partnership
- Development of information supporting the anticipation of future skill needs
- Instrument in the interest of individuals and the country: training centers, firms, institutions...



Challenges for the Egyptian Observatory

Observatory function in Egypt

∞ Next steps and challenges

- To formalise Observatory sustainability: conditions, institutional, technical, methodological and legislative, network aspects...
- To develop conditions for gathering data: existing data should be developed, synergies enhanced, common language and nomenclature elaborated
- To strength Regional activities

Observatory function in Egypt

Ω Next steps and challenges

- To clarify the role of each institution involved and the terms of collaboration
- To define one federative project
- To start one pilot study
- To pool the information
- To propose a set of indicators to be developed
- To specify actions for dissemination

Observatory function in Egypt

Ω Next steps and recommendations for ETF

- To support the sustainability of the EETEO
- To improve networking activities: seminars, workshops on methodologies for LM needs, integration of school leavers... in Egypt
- To organize:
 - Study visit in European Country
 - Common Study Pilot with Jordan Observatory (unemployment, informal sector: comparison and challenges...)

Observatory function in Egypt

∞ The Network added values

- Complementarity of competencies
- Availability of the most recent data
- Sharing and development of methodologies, definitions, indicators
- Improvement of common knowledge
- Feeding inter-institutional knowledge
- Pro-active role in policy development

