Project Summary

Project Background
Established in Turin, Italy, in 1994, the European Training Foundation (ETF) provides advice and assistance to the European Commission and 29 Partner Countries for the modernisation of human resource development (HRD) policies. The Observatory Function aims to provide indicators and analysis that contribute to an efficient decision-making process specifically related to Vocational Education Training strategies responding to Labour Market needs.

The Meda Observatory Function (MOF) project is implemented by the ETF (since 2000) and since 2004 co-funded by the Italian Trust Fund (ITF). The related MOF activities are focused on two common goals:
• to provide information and expertise regarding developments in labour markets and national vocational training systems
• to provide national authorities with examples of good practice from other EU programmes and EU Member States.

Main Objective
The objective of this assignment is to evaluate the Meda Observatory Function project (MOFp) implemented by the ETF and co-funded by the ITF in Jordan and Morocco.

Methodological Approach
• Collection and analysis of data (both quantitative and qualitative)
• Definition of detailed evaluation questions (EQ) against the evaluation criteria
• National case studies with semi-structured interviews and observation supported by a checklist of detailed EQs
• Final reporting and feedback seminars

Outputs
The final evaluation report provides useful findings both for the ETF and ITF as regards the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability of the MOF project and the added-value of co-funding for the two countries evaluated. Conclusions and recommendations concern two areas: project design, size and management, and possible follow-up actions:
• The need for ETF with limited/ inadequate financing per country to seek close cooperation with the main donors in a country’s VET and LM reforms, the ETF/ITF co-funding does not substitute such liaison.
• Use Jordan as a model case for marketing the OF.
• Initiate the Euro-Mediterranean exchange of OF experiences.

Implementing Features
Application of the key evaluation criteria: relevance, efficiency effectiveness, impact, sustainability and added value.

Services Provided
• Assessment of ETF funded activities in Jordan and Morocco
• Outputs include a desk report, a final evaluation report and feedback seminar