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 of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Southern Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean region that receive support from the EU's external relations programmes for the modernisation of human resource development policies.

ETF’s work is based on the fundamental contribution that vocational education and training (VET) makes to competitiveness, employability and mobility in modern economies. ETF also provides technical assistance to the European Commission for implementation of Tempus programme.

Objective
The overall objective of the evaluation activities implemented under this Framework Contract is:
- to improve the design and the impact of ETF projects and other activities by strengthening ETF’s ability to draw on lessons learnt of past and ongoing interventions for future planning and programming
- to increase ETF expertise and knowledge of evaluation and impact assessment in the Foundation’s field of work

The specific objective of this Framework contract is provision of timely and high-quality experts
- for evaluation (and monitoring) of ETF activities at project, thematic and country level (1), and,
- for research studies on evaluation methods in the Foundation’s field of work (2).

Activities & Output
- Collection and analysis of data (both quantitative and qualitative)
- Definition of detailed evaluation questions against the evaluation criteria
- Site-visits and meetings and observation supported by a checklist of detailed evaluation questions

Outputs include a desk report and/or an inception report, a final evaluation report, feedback seminar

Implementing Features
Six key evaluation criteria are usually applied: relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact, sustainability and added value.

Services Provided
- Assessment of ETF funded activities in partner countries
- Outputs include a desk report and/or an inception report, a final evaluation report, feedback seminar