

Youth and entrepreneurship

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EU Member States

Eastern Neighbourhood

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine

Central Asia

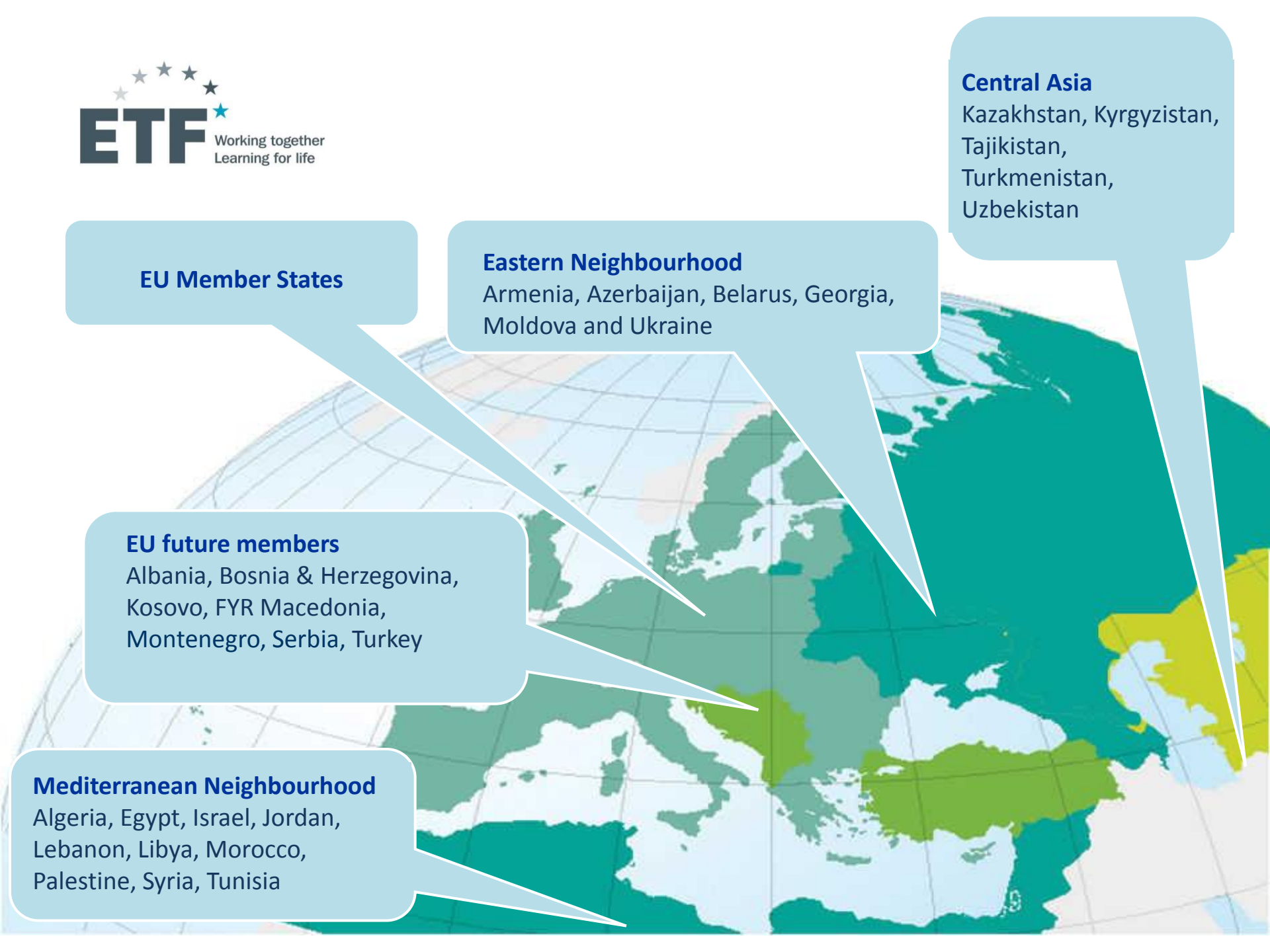
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

EU future members

Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey

Mediterranean Neighbourhood

Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia



Issues from the draft report



Local vs national governance arrangements

- Collective engagement with national level administration
- Local experience shaping national policy

Education & training

- Youth entrepreneurship promotion critical for competitiveness, growth & employment
- Entrepreneurship key competence vs entrepreneurship skills
- More developed entrepreneurship support for vocational trainees, with view to start-ups (local mentors)
- Higher education – ‘cross campus’ entrepreneurship, incubator support

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Good Practice

- Share good practice between local and regional authorities – youth entrepreneurship eco-systems
- Define objective criteria for good practice
- Peer review good practices (municipality to municipality)

Differentiate start-up training for better impact

- Training initiatives (locally or donor funded)
- Promote culture and capacity in evaluation

Issues from the draft report



Diaspora

- Leverage experience, knowledge and networks (Turin Chamber of Commerce)
- Identify and engage returning entrepreneurs

Young women entrepreneurs

- Women's entrepreneurship is not a gender issue, its an economic issue
- Support systems should be sensitive to women

My recommendation



- **ARLEM annual prize/recognition efforts to support youth entrepreneurship**
 - develop intelligence on what's out there,
 - build networks of influencers (political, practitioners, private sector)
 - Share knowledge, know-how through peer learning, twinning.

Thank you!



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