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| EVENT NAME | Workshop on measuring skills mismatches in Montenegro and evidence based policy making in education, skills and employment |
| LOCATION | Hotel Centre Ville, Podgorica Address: Cetinjska 7 The Capital Plaza 81000 |
| DATE | Thursday, 7 March 2019  |
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**SUMMARY**

The European Training Foundation - ETF (EU Agency) will organise in Podgorica (7 March 2019) a workshop on the topic of measuring skills mismatches, within the overall context of developing data and information relevant for evidence based policies in the field of education and skills, employment and social affairs.

In 2017 and 2018, the ETF implemented an initiative to assess the feasibility of calculating the incidence of mismatches by relying essentially on data sources that are regularly available, comparable across the ETF Partner Countries and in line with international and European approaches to this subject.

The event has as main objectives to present the findings of the analysis of skills mismatch incidence in Montenegro and other ETF Partner Countries and discuss possible solutions to continue, on regular basis, measurement of skills mismatch and explore additional variables that would help planning of policies for matching skills supply and demand.

The ETF will also share the results of data collection on key indicators for education, skills and employment and discuss priorities for further development and capacity building in the area of statistics and data management.

Participants are invited to discuss the state of play, current initiatives and remaining challenges in developing data management and monitoring systems in areas of education, employment and social inclusion. The aim is to identify priorities and actions that will help Montenegro to further expand current practices of data management and interpretation (analysis). The outcomes of this discussion may guide in future the EU and ETF in planning the support to Montenegro authorities.

Invited participants are representatives of Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Ministry of Education and Sports, Statistical Office of Montenegro, Employment Agency of Montenegro, Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro, and other relevant institutions and organisations. The working languages of the event are Montenegrin and English.

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration of participants and welcome coffee |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Introduction session: objectives of the meeting, expectations**Montenegro authorities: Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Ministry of Education and Sports, Statistical Office of MontenegroUlrike Damyanovic, Senior VET Specialist, Country Coordinator Montenegro, ETF |
| 09:30 – 11.00 | **Session 1: Measuring skills mismatches in ETF Partner Countries – country case Montenegro*****European and international context of skills mismatch research and policy use. Overview of ETF’s initiative and key findings*** Cristina Mereuta, Labour Market Specialist, ETF***Country case Montenegro: main findings, calculation aspects and possible approaches to continue mismatch measurement***Ben Kriechel, ETF international expertVojin Golubovic, Researcher, Institute of Strategic Studies and Prognoses, ETF local expert*Questions and answers; discussion* |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Coffee break |
| 11.30 – 12.15 | **Session 2: Evidence based policy making** ***Results of ETF data collection process 2018 – Montenegro case***Cristina Mereuta, ETF***Quick overview of Torino Process 2019 findings and implications for building up policy evidence practice*s**Ulrike Damyanovic / Marie Dorleans, ETFETF*Questions and answers* |
| 12.15 – 13.00 | **Session 3: Way forward and conclusions**Facilitator: Montenegro side (tbc)Discussion will focus on remaining priorities and actions to further consolidate data management and monitoring systems in areas of education, skills and employment. Proposed topics:* Linking administrative registers in education, employment, social insurance/protection and others – what are the current bottlenecks (if any), possible solutions and needs for (EU) support
* Monitoring education outcomes: graduates’ tracking and linkages to skills and employment policies
* Other support needs to build up informational systems in areas such as qualifications, occupations, labour market policy statistics, social protection etc.
* What are the priorities for data interpretation/analyses in areas of education, skills and employment and how to address eventual challenges

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| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch and closure of event |